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MISSION FOR THE LIGHT OF TRUTH.

## LOUIS PASTEUR.

Was Vivisection Pioneer to the X-Ray.

DR. H. V. SWERINGEN.

The students of the Fort Wayne College of Medicine recently requested Dr. H. V. Sweringen, one of the faculty of that college, to deliver a lecture to them on the late great scientist, M. Louis Pasteur. The doctor complied with the request, and we here give a few extracts of his lecture.

The doctor said:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Agreeable to the kind request which you have seen fit to make, and by which I am truly honored, I appear before you in the role of a memorial speaker. While the subject upon which I am to speak transcends immensely in importance the effort I shall be able to make in its treatment, I am consoled by the reflection that even the most insignificant star in our professional constellation can reflect a small portion at least of the light of those of great magnitude.

I am to speak of a great man in science, Louis Pasteur, whom the world calls "dead." The instrument through which his spirit has been wont to express itself has ceased to perform its various functions; the heart is still; no breath escapes the lips; the ears fail to respond to the vibrations of sound, and the curtains have been drawn over the lustreless windows of his soul. We may knock at all the various avenues to the conscious ego of the late inhabitant of the tabernacle, but we knock in vain; no intelligence responds. There is no one at home. The house is deserted. The owner of the house, its builder, God—or nature if you please—has condemned it as being unfit for longer habitation, and has already commenced the work of its destruction.

But even in the most radical materialistic view of death Louis Pasteur is not dead. He still lives. He lives in the bacteriological laboratory of this and every other college in the world; he lives in the wards of every hospital of our times; he lives in the lying-in chamber of every puerperal woman; he lives in the laparotomies, the amputations; indeed, in all of the operations of modern surgery; he lives in our antiseptics, antiputrescences, antiphotics, disinfectants, germicides, antipylotics, antitoxines, in every mode and method of the present day for the prevention and neutralization of blood poison; he lives in the hearts and minds of the medical profession and of all men of science and literature, and his memory will remain embalmed in the grateful hearts, and his deeds be sung in the loud acclaim of generations yet unborn.

We have thus recounted some of the great discoveries of the great Pasteur whom we lament as "dead." But is Louis Pasteur no more?

Unlike the great majority of physicians who, coming in constant contact with the material aspect of human life, from the moment of conception through the various changes and accidents of intra-uterine existence up to the very highest development of the race, who

see the brain of man only as a mass of matter secreting thought as the liver secretes bile, and therefore concluding that in the death of the body the thinking principle which actuated it dies also, I say unlike such physicians and scientists, Pasteur, like Victor Hugo, rejected Materialism, the former having an a vivid faith in, and the latter positively asserting a future existence for the soul of man.

What is death that we should so fear it? How often have we heard our pastor dwell upon what he considered the "king of terrors" in a manner calculated to invite the "grim monster" among his flock. He would "gravely" inform us that probably the tree was now standing in the forest from which the lumber would be taken for our caskets; that the goods were now shelved in our stores which would be utilized for our shrouds, and that yonder sexton would be employed perhaps to-morrow in digging our graves, thus making use of every known phraseology of his art to harrow up our feelings or to scare us into the Church.

But the scientific view of death divests it of all such terror. Science teaches us that as we advance to the natural limit of our earthly existence, we lose one after another of our means of material intercourse with this world; one by one all the avenues of sense are closed; the eye grows dim, the ear dull, and taste, tact and smelling are blunted; the mind, but feebly impressed by the objects and events around us, lies dormant, or is moved only by the recollections of days long past; the tottering gait, the shrivelled and horny skin, the yearning for the fireside and the genial warmth of the sun, show how languidly the great functions of the circulation are performed; by degrees the digestion becomes impaired and then the decline proceeds more rapidly; enervation, calorification, absorption, and secretion all become embarrassed as the capillary circulation languishes; sooner or later this function ceases, and finally the heart dies. Rigidity of the whole body, caused by coagulation of its albumen, then speedily ensues.

Death, indeed, is as natural as life. It is just as natural to die as it is to be born, the old orthodox view of the cause of death to the contrary notwithstanding. Physiology has demonstrated that every part of the human body has its own definite term of vitality, and that the destruction of old cells and the formation of new ones is continuous in all tissues. Material birth and death is the grand order of nature. Little did the immortal Bryant dream how beautifully he was illustrating our cellular physiopathology when he penned the lines:

"See how  
Upon the falling footsteps of decay,  
Youth presses."

How grandly also do they illustrate evolution!

Every thought we think, every move we make is accompanied by the death and breaking down of muscular or nervous tissues as its necessary physiological and pathological condition. Every action of our corporeal life from its beginning to its close, occurs at the expense of the vitality of an inappreciable amount of organized structure. This is called molecular death, and within proper pathological or physiological limits is necessary

to the life and health of the whole body.

Let us dwell a little longer upon this universally shunned but all important subject of death, which, as a scientific fact is peculiarly appropriate to consider in connection with the demise of a great man in science.

Too long has the subject of death been neglected by the scientific world. Although as facts, nothing has been generally considered more certain, no scientific subjects have received less attention than death and taxation. Recently, however, the latter has been systematically investigated by Henry George and the Rev. Dr. McGlynn, and the former is beginning to be studied as never before, thanks to the philosophy of Spiritualism.

The world needs such men as Pasteur in every department of thought and investigation. Job's question: "If a man die shall he live again?" is hard pressing the scientific world for a decisive answer, inasmuch as eminent representatives of the religious world have confessed frankly that they know nothing about it, or that they do not know that death does not end all.

The indications are, however, that science and philosophy will transform Job's interrogatory into the exclamatory utterance that: "If a man die he shall continue to live!!" Indeed, the question of Job is now answered demonstrably in the affirmative. The greatest, grandest, most momentous scientific discovery of the ages has been made if not accepted by the world. Like the immortal discoveries of Pasteur, it will find its way to general acceptance only by the opposition with which it meets, the process of evolution and the growth of intelligence in this hitherto unexplored field of scientific inquiry.

Although lately of the fold of materialistic and agnostic thinkers myself, I gladly embrace the present occasion of adding my mite to the opposition of Materialism and I do so in the light of most positive, unanswerable, personal, scientific experience.

An argument much relied upon by Materialists to prove that death ends all, is the fact that any interference with the function of the brain, any serious damage done to its substance or structure or integrity, results in the prompt arrest of its mentality. Cases are cited of fracture of the skull resulting in compression from depressed fragments of bone upon the brain, producing an absolute loss of consciousness or coma. But is this argument conclusive? As well conclude that because the batteries, wires, and instruments of a telegraph line were disabled or powerless to transmit intelligence, the intelligence was not there to be transmitted.

I have observed a number of cases of fracture of the skull with resulting coma from compression, and in every case wherein the damage done to the brain was not too great, the elevation of the depressed fragments of bone by the operation known as trephining, was followed promptly by the return of consciousness, the mind, the soul, the mentality, the conscious ego, the spirit again resuming the use of its tool—the brain.

The mere fact that the expression of mentality was entirely suspended during the period of pressure upon the organ through which that mentality is expressed in this life, is no evidence at all that when the brain dies the mind or soul dies with it. How shall we ac-

count for the return of consciousness when the brain (the tool) by which it is expressed, is repaired? What was the condition of the spirit or soul during the period intervening between the receipt of the injury and the relief of the pressure? It certainly did not cease absolutely to exist, else it would not have manifested itself by returning consciousness.

Now, suppose nothing had been done for the relief of a curable case of this character, and death of the whole body had supervened. If death ends all, at what time did the mind, soul, spirit or intelligence die? Immediately after coma supervened, or not until the whole body died twelve, twenty-four, or forty-eight hours after?

Is it not just as philosophical to say that the mind uses the brain as a tool as it is to say that the brain uses the mind as a tool, or that the brain secretes thought as the liver secretes bile? Is it not just as rational to conclude that the brain is a battery in the employ of the "spiritual body" and subject to the environments of the material or physical body, its imperfections, accidents etc., until it is no longer fit for use?

Is it the brain or is it the spirit that uses the eye to see, the ear to hear, the nose to smell? Does the destruction of the eye destroy also the mental capacity to see? Does the loss of hearing necessarily involve the mental capacity to hear? Are not these organs simply media, tools in the employ of the mental or "spiritual body"? If so, then why should a total destruction of the material brain totally destroy thought, mind, or mentality? May not the "spiritual body" spoken of by Paul, be composed of matter so subtle, so delicate, so fine as to be entirely invisible and unrecognizable by any of our senses in our present state of being and thus prove a future existence from the Materialist's own view point? The air we breathe does not impress us with any very great materiality, and yet we know it exists. "The wind bloweth where it listeth and thou canst not tell by the sound thereof whence it cometh or whither it goeth." The perfume of a flower we do not see, hear, taste, or feel, being conscious of its presence by a single sense only, that of smell. The more we destroy the integrity of the flower, its materiality or organic structure by crushing, the greater is the manifestation of its perfume. Are love, hate, ambition, memory, envy, pride, desire, joy, sorrow capable of material manipulation? We certainly do not see, hear, taste, feel nor smell any of these qualities of mind. How then do we recognize them? It may be said that we do feel them but this is not true in the usual sense of the term as here employed or in the material sense of touch. We are conscious of them but do not feel them by tactile sense, by palpation, by touch.

It is generally supposed by their would-be followers that Spencer, Tyndall, and Huxley were Materialists. Allow me to correct this erroneous impression. In speaking of himself Spencer says:

"I have had to rebut the charge of Materialism times too numerous to remember, and I have now given the matter up. It is impossible to give more emphatic denial or assign more conclusive proof than I have repeatedly done. I can not prevent them. Practically they say, 'It is convenient to us

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## Philosophy and Facts.

### "GOSPEL OF LOVE."

Founded on the idea of the Immaculate Conception of the Human Spirit.

#### A LECTURE.

LEANDER THOMPSON.

We are all familiar with that sentence so frequently expressed in three words, "God is Love," and three words will convey the same idea in the same sense in regard to truth, "God is Truth." While this answer to the interrogation as to what is truth expressed in the above three words, may be true absolutely, yet it is unsatisfactory to the mind, for the understanding demands comprehension of the Absolute, the Infinite. What the mind craves to know is what is truth as expressed in thought, in relation to science, religion, theology, and philosophy, or how shall we be able to discriminate between truth and error. Truth first dawned upon the world when the first man expressed a conscious thought.

The elements of the mind are not then this: thoughts are truths. Truth never comes in contact with the sacred emotions of the affections, yet it for ever clashes with the selfishness of man's external animal nature. Truth is discovered by no one faculty of the mind, but by the *spirit of man*. The truth within the man recognized the truth without the man and expresses that recognition in formula of speech, or in music, or in art. Quarried with in every spirit in the caverns of space of "Divine Love," the "Light of Truth," which enlightens every man that cometh into the world. Every human spirit has a compass of truth whose quivering needle points forever unerringly to the fountain of all truth, all wisdom, and all love. Truth is subdivided into infinite phases of expression. It may be likened somewhat to a tree with its limbs, branches, leaves, buds, blossoms, and fruit, the tree though presenting various aspects of beauty, yet in its entirety is a unit, a tree.

So likewise truth the product of Infinite Love and Infinite Wisdom combined, though expressing itself in endless forms and myriad thoughts, is absolutely a unit, constituting the everlasting tree of life, vast stellar systems are its trunk, the summer lands in spiritual spheres its branches, the blue skies and gorgeous clouds its foliage, the countless starry worlds floating in space, its buds and blossoms, and man the climacteric, the golden fruit that clings to its boughs.

All there is in this world, or ever has been, or ever will be, to uplift and make it greater and better, is human love, expressed in human thought and action. The conscious loving heart of Deity incarnate in the human spirit, is the world's salvation.

All mythologies, Egyptian, Scandinavian, or Greek, all religions, whether of Buddha, Brahma, Moses, or Christ, all philosophies, whether of Aristotle, Spinoza, Plato, Confucius, Swedenborg, or Davis, are grounded more or less on some substratum of truth flowing from the reservoir of all truth, through that wonderful channel of human understanding, the mind. Whatever there is of fantasy in the mind associated with pure thought, i. e., the word of God, becomes eliminated through the law of mental evolution. "It is through a perfected brain, that marvelous conduit through which thought, i. e., truth, the essence of the divine mind flows into human consciousness, pure as the celestial waters of bubbling springs in Paradise.

Truth and error will perish, but love and truth remain forever. The vitality of the Christian religion is predicated on the idea of God incarnate in the man Jesus, sublime impersonal thought, man in the only organism in Nature through which Deity finds corporeal expression, therefore it is not egotism in a self-conscious sense, when

a spiritually minded person feeling the divinity within, exclaims: "I am the way, the truth and the life," or, "I and the Father are one," one in essence, one in ability, and one in eternity of being. It is said of Jesus he spoke as one having authority. Every spiritually minded person who feels that the *divine* truth within him is also within him, of a right speaks as one having high authority. His utterances were declarations from the inner life. It is evident from these quotations from the New Testament that the ego the *inner man* within you was addressing the external consciousness and understanding of the casual minds of those who were listening to him, who, though having ears, heard not. Yet after the lapse of eighteen centuries, in the light of the spiritual philosophy, these utterances of Jesus become intelligible. (For those who are blind, deaf, and dumb, was addressed to the external man in which the spirit for the time was incarnate. This wonderful duality of man's nature in this life is indeed passing strange. When I would do good, evil is present, in the experience of many in life, yet this irrepressible conflict in earthly life, furnishes strong argument in favor of the higher and better life. Upon the Alps of human perfection the mystery of Godliness is unveiled. Jesus was really the expounder of the spiritual philosophy of harmony, through spiritual culture. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see divinity in all things.

In our day of the nineteenth century we have an enlightened seer and brother who more fully elaborates the beautiful philosophy of harmonious life and spiritual culture, making it more comprehensible to the understanding than as taught in days of yore. Brother A. J. Davis teaches the philosophy that no one individual enjoys the monopoly of the truth, that the sense of happiness is reached through the law of harmony as applied to life in its various aspects and environments. Harmony of being is the seraphic melody of existence. That every child is a divine revelation, a repository of infinite possibilities. Sublime thought in contradistinction to the phantasm of the dramatic plan of salvation through vicarious atonement. The evolution of Christianity, not theology, leads to the "Harmonious Philosophy." If the Kingdom of Heaven is within a man, it must be founded on the law of spiritual harmony. The veiled tale is bliden by a deadly garment; its sanctuary is the spirit of man. It whispers to your consciousness, believe in *me*, the Immaculate, the Incarnate! You, your spirit, dear reader, is the eternal veiled tale. "I am the way and the life." That is the immortal ego struggling midst the surroundings of flesh and blood; gross matter abides with thee of animalism. That which is absolutely pure, truth; that which is infinitely lovely; that which is harmony itself, in you. You, the immaculate ego. You are an eternity of individualized existence. You are overwhelmingly related to the boundless entirety of the Universe. Your eternal home is a gorgeous palace of immortality, whose dome is begemmed with countless overhanging twinkling stars. When your earthly garment shall have vanished in the great ocean of water, your spirit, clad in a form of effulgent beauty, shall pleasantly wander through glorious gardens of infinite. You will partake of the fruit of the tree of knowledge; your spirit will feast thereon and grow wiser in the goodness and wisdom of the Lord. Ever and anon drawn by the sympathy and love, you will descend to your old earthly habitation and impart to the hungry waiting weary ones of earth somewhat of the joys of eternal life. As reward for your labor and industry the thrilling tide of infinite love will pulsate through your being, waves of celestial harmony will sweep the bars of stings of your inner life, the music of the spheres will fall soft and sweet upon your spirit as the breeze of a seraph. These enjoyments are all in store for you, because you are a part of the Divine life and love of the Father.

The thought of living forever is an overwhelming thought, as incomprehensible as the phenomena of time and space, yet it is a satisfactory thought to those who live and love and hope. In hours of quiet, deep meditation how securely beautiful and sublime that precious thought grows upon the mind;

how little and fleeting the things of this life seem in such sweet contemplation.

The theory of reincarnation furnishes no such jubilation for the mind, for it carries with it the annihilation of individuality. A man may have been a grasshopper, a butterfly, a troglodyte, a saurian monster, a prince, a beggar; but what matter, if he has no previous recollection of those existences; countless memories alone constitute immortality.

The law of immortality as stated by Dr. A. J. Davis, is based upon the indisputability of the human spirit's organism, which the Doctor calls the soul, from the fact that all the concentrated efforts of Nature have been put forth, involving an incomprehensible period of time to perfect an *incarnate form*, in which Infinite Wisdom, our Father and Infinite Love, our Mother, could meet in finite relations of an indissoluble marriage, representing a finite personality of God manifest in the flesh. Every man and woman represent a in their organism both hemispheres of Nature, i. e., Love and Wisdom. That the meeting and blending of both hemispheres of the Universe, the impersonal principles of male and female, i. e., Love and Wisdom in the human organism, lifts humanity high above all other forms of life and gives to it the power of conception and expression of thought, which contain more or less of the elements of truth. Thoughts are conceived and borne of the mind through law of sexual principles. A man is a woman as well as a man; a woman is a man as well as a woman, so far as related to the impersonal principles of Love and Wisdom, that enables each human entity to conceive through the action of his or her immortal spirit upon the brain, thus giving mental birth and existence to thought. It is indeed true that we are wonderfully and beautifully made.

Man's conception of Deity is in reality a conception of himself. Canst thou by searching find out God? A knowledge of God will be revealed to you just in proportion as you seek to discover yourself, who you are, for your heavenly parents dwell in you. They dwell in no temple apart; the heights of the Heavens can not hold them; they're enshrined in each human heart.

A person believing in an exalted spiritual philosophy, can not believe in the erroneous doctrine of punishment in the future and higher life. You, the ego, you, in whom Divinity is enshrined, you, the perfect individualized entity of a Universe. What power can punish you? Preposterous idea of fiction, of theological delirium. That is not pure and true thought that propagates the doctrine of the penalties of hell; all there is of the hell, is to be found in a discordant individual. A devil is an angel upside down, its angelic nature reversed, inverted, misdirected. Harmony in heaven, discord in hell. To be spiritually minded in life eternal; to be carnally minded in death, i. e., death to all the harmonies and happiness of life.

Human temples in ruins confront one every day in the great cities of the world. Spirits imprisoned in tottering clay walls of the flesh. A feeling of mournful sadness steals o'er the sympathetic heart at the sight. When I think of the barbarous law that shocks the life out of the unfortunate criminal's body by lightning, or by strangulation with the rope, of their incarceration in loathsome cells, and then reflect that a false theology can damn them to a more horrible punishment hereafter, evokes a silent sorrow, an awful horror in the mind beyond description in language.

In my heart I would say to the poor trembling criminal on the gallows or in the chair: There can be no punishment for you hereafter. You who have suffered in the flesh. Your body was an imperfect instrument through which you vainly strove to manifest yourself; that body will soon become a cloud of the valley; you will survive. Behold, you will be born again. The tiger, the viper, the venomous reptile, and all the animalism of the flesh that now envenoms you and obstructs your way in life will soon die and leave you forever. You are destined to conquer and overcome every barrier to your happiness. Those who once loved you, whom are now called dead, soon with out stretched arms will embrace you. Their love will drown your sorrows and

wash away the memories of dilemma of the flesh.

My preacher preached the gospel of the doctrine of love, which means happiness for all men. I take the liberty dear reader, of preaching it to others. Man's pleasure and happiness are assured in the higher life, as a result of his affinity and relation by the law of coangulation of spirit to his Heavenly Father and Mother, he could not escape from their loving embrace if he would, and he would not if he were if he could. What in this aspect of human earthly life that seems evil in contradistinction to good?

Let it ever be borne in mind that all the evil, the inhumanities and evils of human character are traceable to the flesh, the blood, and are distinctly animal in their nature; they are not of the *divine spirit*.

The prevalent theological idea, although modified of late years in regard to man's relationship to Deity, is that the Holy Spirit or Divine Nature is wooed and won by aspiration and postulation on the part of man, and in response to his pleadings and in consideration of the sacrifice of the life of Jesus, the Deity's only begotten Son in behalf of poor fallen humanity, man's sins are forgiven and atoned for, and the Holy Spirit descending, abides within that soul who accepts such belief in this atoning power of Jesus. That soul henceforth is a redeemed, regenerated man, his sins being all washed away by the purifying blood of Christ. Without this mediation on the part of Jesus he would be void of the Divine presence, the Divine influx of Holy Spirit, therefore depraved and lost to all happiness hereafter. Here we have the idea of influx of Divinity through foreign mediation and intercession as being necessary for the incarnation or reincarnation of God within man. According to theology man in the beginning was supposed to have had the Divine image within him, but lost it through temptation of the evil one, i. e., the devil, and thus fell from high conditions of purity and innocence to one of degradation and sin. The restoration of the Divine presence in man and his escape from everlasting punishment is at right about and is due to the tragedy of the Crucifixion of the Nazarene.

In contradistinction to the foregoing ideas we have the thought, the truth of the Immaculate, the eternal presence of Deity in man now and forever. This thought of the eternal presence of Divinity within all men, is the everlasting rock of the spirit's salvation. The Immaculate of God at all times in the profound depths of man's inner life, destroys effectively the doctrine of total depravity. When the eternal Spirit within the man is in rapport with the Universal Spirit without, or objective to the man, there is felt and realized a divine oneness with the Universal in all of all things, whether in the heavens above or in the earth beneath, and he can truly exclaim without unholy egotism: "I and the Father are one."

The bird sings sweetly, the flowers look fairer,  
For while they sigh in colors so fair,  
The flowers should like to know me,  
For I am the spirit that breathes life in them,  
For I am the spirit that breathes life in them,  
For I am the spirit that breathes life in them.

Rivers, lakes, mountains, valleys, seas,  
I feel as if I were they, and they were me,  
Oh, happy moment, what would I give  
For all things are in me in hours like this.

God personified a human form in a necessity of the human mind, no other conception of Deity is satisfactory. Without that idea we are alien on the boundless inhospitable sea of Pantheism. We can not bring our Heavenly Father to our hearts, love them, embrace them, hear their tender voices of sympathy and love, through the dumb rocks and stones of mountains. The clouds are but mist and vapors; the earth but senseless clay; the ocean a pitiless waste of wild waves; the howling winds of winter are cold and cruel. There is a material aspect in Nature void of feeling, sympathy, and love, until the spirit descending from realms of infinity enshines itself in the babe in the mother's arms, then:

Out of that quivering infant,  
Out of Nature's beauty,  
What a miracle, what a joy,  
Comes a babe a picture of love.

Sweet and fair with the rose cheeks,  
Lips that beg to be kissed, a smile,  
Life of life, love of love,  
Time never seems such like again.



The incarnation in the soul of that babe, in the holy that that babe is to its mother's breast.

To the spiritual eye of the seer there is a great and sublime truth hidden beneath the symbolism of the Catholic Church, that has a deep significant meaning, pregnant with import to the advancement towards a true enlightened condition of civilization, that its own devotees and worshippers are not, know not, feel not. They kneel before a figure of a woman with a babe in her arms. They kneel, they adore, they worship with blind reverence, yet beneath this ignorant worship lies concealed the truest thought that it is possible for the human mind to conceive. That which they apparently worship objectively is embodied within their selves; they are worshipping their own Divine Nature. Yet many of these blind devotees through spiritual ignorance daily crucify humanity in the flesh.

See the figure on the cross with tortuous crown of thorns, with bleeding sides, with nails in hands and feet of tender flesh. That cross that bleeding form, is a truthful symbol of Humanity suffering the pangs of crucifixion this day, this hour.

The crucifixion of Jesus as an individual eighteen hundred years ago pales into insignificance before the enlargement of the idea of the crucifixion as applied to Humanity collectively to day. The animal man, Satan personified, dominates in every sphere of social and political life. Love of gold, greed, selfishness that devours the substance of the widow and orphan, that ignores the rights of brother man, are the predominant impulses of animal man.

To put this personification of evil, i. e., Satan, behind us and enthroned the true man, the real man, is the mission of the "Harmonial Spiritual Philosophy." For sixteen centuries that marvelous ecclesiastical institution, the Catholic Church, whose garments have been crimsoned in days gone by with blood of victims of her superstition, bigotry, and ignorance; whose robes have been impregnated with odor of smoke of burning fagots and roasting human flesh of martyrs of the Spanish Inquisition. This seeming vile creature, the Catholic Church, beneath her blood stained vestments, deep in her heart of hearts, in the sanctuary of her inner spiritual life, has preserved and brought down to the present time the priceless jewel of all ages, whose glorious scintillation shall yet whiten and brighten her garments like unto the noon day sun.

This truth, ay, this truth alone of "Immaculate Conception," the personal fiction of God in man, is the rock of her foundation, is the inherent power, the vitality that has given her strength to live amidst the intelligence and advancement of civilization. Her Patron Saint and Apostle, the great immortal Paul proclaimed on Mars Hill the great truth of Divine Incarnation of God in man to the men of Athena.

Paul told the Greeks: a God unknown, dwelling in the midst of space, after, without, on some great sun or star, Behold in fleshly form is here!

Emmanuel here! not in the flesh! Incarnate in the soul he lives, He dwells in no far world apart, His temple is the human heart.

Behold the revelation of the nineteenth century, the discovery of the law of immortality based on the Immaculate Conception of the Human Spirit. The Infinite Love and the Infinite Wisdom that constitute the life and soul of all things in the boundless Universe, meeting in the human organism prepared especially for the purpose through myriad ages of evolution. This descent, this indwelling, this wedding of two eternal infinities and affinities, the bride and bridegroom, the mother and father of all things. In your spirit, dear reader, in all spirits, this is the Immaculate Conception. This is the incarnation that lifts Humanity above all things beneath it; that gives to man and woman an eternal individuality. You are the sum total of the Universe safely considered. You will survive the wreck of worlds and systems. The theory of reincarnation dwells into insignificance before the majestic law of immortality.

All there is of moral justice; all there is of knowledge; all there is of truth; all there is of love, hope, and faith to

enlighten this world, elevate it to higher conditions and save it, so to speak, comes from no exterior consciousness external to man, no Jehovah in the objective sense. There is no external intelligent authority for him to obey; all authority must be sought for within the man. Truly has a subjective existence only for man. Nature in her manifold and boundless love and wisdom, has endowed her children with all necessary means for their happiness. The spirit of man is an everlasting inexhaustible well of inspiration, from which all knowledge, all truth, all love, all happiness for him, shall forever unceasingly flow. This glorious truth has come to man by the penetrative, decisive insight into Nature through true clairvoyance.

Where is the extraneous power to annul the marriage of these two eternal luminaries and affinities within you, that constitute your everlasting continuous consciousness? From the moment your Mother felt the pulsation of your life within her womb you were born never to die. You commenced your eternal voyage of life.

To sail over seas of tempest and strife, To sail over oceans on the voyage of life, To sail by the stars and suns in their flight, To sail to their haven of peace and delight.

The character of the individual for good or evil in this life is largely determined by temperament, by healthful or diseased conditions of the organism. The spirit of man is perfect in its essentials. The physical body more or less defective. There can be no redemption or salvation for you, for you are the immaculate child of Heavenly Parents. Through physical human organisms the glorious *Kyo* seeks expression in mundane life. The time, money, and effort expended for the soul or the human spirit's salvation, is so much of love's labor lost through ignorance.

To witness the glorious spirit of man imprisoned in a diseased, defective, dilapidated human form is a sight it seems to me sufficiently to cause the angels of heaven to weep. Man a temple of the indwelling Holy Ghost in ruins, crumbling to decay in early manhood, the struggling inner life seeking in vain to express itself through a brain and body wrecked by poverty or dissipation. No more mournful sight can be witnessed. 'Tis the bodies of men that need redemption from social environments imposed upon the masses by the unrighteous ignorant greed of the classes.

'Tis a comforting hopeful thought to think of when we look around and see the terrible human suffering in this world, doomed by old theology to continue on forever in many instances in a world hereafter; that the birth into the higher life is one of marvelous change. Comparisons give but a faint idea of the wonderful transformation caused by death. Take an egg as illustration. When the chick in it is fully formed, it picks its way out. The life the wonder is liberated. Look at its soft downy coat, its little peeping eyes. What resemblance can you detect between it and the shell it leaves behind? Take the crawling bathhouse caterpillar of yesterday and the gorgeous winged butterfly of to day evolved from it. What resemblance can you detect here between the old life and the new, as manifested in the caterpillar and butterfly? One crawled and crept and fed on leaves, the other floated on beautiful wings, feeds on the life and beauty of flowers. Are there no lessons to be derived from these wonderful transformations mentioned, applicable to higher human life? Behold the tiny seed of the rose buried in darkness of earth, yet a few months and from the soil blooms the stately blushing rose on the bush. (And see the rose with its beauty in the seed?) Only through faith is Nature's law. Behold a man, an eternal spiritual entity, an angel in embryo, imprisoned in a diseased malformed body, tempest tossed on waves of animal passions, he stands upon the scaffold of death. At a signal the trap is sprung. He writhes and struggles in agonies of dissolution; a few moments and it is over, and he lies quiet and calm in his coffin. The discolored marks left by the rope are visible on his neck. His brutal physiognomy has lost somewhat of its cruel sensual look; yet the retreating forehead, the low brow are there to goss upon. The still small voice of the inner life of that man has at times

spoken to him, yet the animal man, the tiger of the flesh, fought it down. The trees of Eden in the blood that coursed through the veins of that form living about there, have gone out, extinguished forever. The brain, the temple of thought through which his *yo* strove in vain to express its beauty and holiness, was but a dark cavern; the wires (the nerves) connecting his spirit with Nature's causative instrument of thought, the brain, were down; no ray of spirit could illuminate it. But behold that which was *yo* in corruption is raised in glory! Faith, weary, trembling, and amazed that man awakens into a higher life. Angels believe dear him to a *man* of the "Dead world." Heavenly Samaritans bind up the wounds of his bruised spirit and anoint him with love's oil and wine. In justice, dear reader, would you advocate the horrors of remorse as rigorous punishment for this unhappy, benighted, ignorant wanderer of earth? Would you deem it necessary for his advancement and progress in spirit life he should thus suffer? Not if you realize the glory and power of Infinite Love that thinketh no evil. 'Tis sweet to think that all unfortunate who have trodden the thorny paths of crime and sorrow are eventually destined because of their relation, their spirit kinship to their Heavenly Parents, to participate in the endless hereafter, in all the joys and happiness that shall flow from such relationship.

Hope, Faith, Justice, and Truth are eternal elements of man's spirit, celestial satellites that revolve around the centrality of his being, his existence. "Love." Love is the radiant sun of his life, its effulgent glory, its eternal fire, the redemptive omnipotent power that cleanseth from all sin of the flesh; that overcometh all evil that flow from physical life, that flowing through human consciousness enables man to perceive truth and acquire knowledge. Through love man sees the internal beauty of all things. It throws a halo of glory over all Nature; it enables him to see and feel the divine harmonies of the Universe. Blessed are they who love wisely, for they shall enjoy the Kingdom of Heaven. Love is the centre and circumference of the Universe. The spirits of all men sooner or later yield obedience to its power. Love is more than Hope, Faith, Justice, or Truth, separately considered. It is all of these qualities combined. Unfold your spirit and you will love all of these essential elements of spirit that contribute to make up the totality of your being as an entity. Love is being; without its unfoldment, you would be left in utter darkness, lost to every enjoyment and happiness, and if such a thing could be, you would be the most miserable creature conceivable.

When man realizes his celestial lineage, the royal majesty of his nature, it gives dignity and boldness and sacredness to human life. Under its benign influences and impulses, murders, suicides, wars, and unjust oppressions cease; there is no room for them where love reigns. Kepler's discovery of the law governing and regulating the distances and movements of planets, crowned him with honor. The discovery of the law of gravitation by Sir Isaac Newton added lustre to the Anglo-Saxon race, but the discovery of the law of immortality is of far more importance to the human race, for it adds knowledge to a hope and a faith of continued existence and happiness in a life hereafter.

### Obsession.

Holmes, the murderer, who is a waiting execution, had the rite of baptism administered to him by a priest. Repentance a one does not neutralize the evil effect crime has on the spirit. Repentance by a life time sentence and performing some useful labor for humanity would do more for his future happiness—his salvation, so called—than a hundred baptisms. Spirits, heavily laden with a sensual or criminal aura, are naturally earth bound, and fasten themselves to mortals for relief, after the fashion of the vampire dwarf riding Nibad. If sensitive these mortals are affected with the same evil propensities that the spirit was in earth life, and often commit the same crimes. The only safe guard against such is therefore to keep the murderer confined where he can do no further harm.

### LIGHT FROM A DARK PLACE.

African Magician's Resurrection.

I lately had the pleasure of listening to Prince Masaka Masagani, a native African Prince who spoke from an orthodox pulpit in Petersburg, N. H. He spoke of "My People and Their Beliefs." He said: "You, Christian people, misjudge us; think us ignorant, pagan, heathens whom any one can teach. It is false. If you wish to convert us send us missionaries who have common sense, a good education, and a vital religion within the soul. We believe in a perfect God, but know that we do wrong. We bow before idols which we have made. Not as gods, but as mediators. They are made of materials that never lie, speak, cheat, or do wrong; therefore they are perfect mediators and can stand before a perfect God. When you want to teach us of God, go and get more and better knowledge of him than we ourselves possess. We know what nature has told us of God's goodness. Has she not spoken through the broad expanse of green? Who gives us the broad fruit, the banana and the oranges in their season? What more have you learned of him? If you can not tell us any more than we know and see yourself up as a teacher, we shall laugh at you. A missionary who had more education than some spoke to one of our tribes through an interpreter on the text, 'that, delay, and be merry, for tomorrow we die.' The natives took it literally, killed their animals and feasted that night, and prepared to die as the God man, while men were called, had told them. But when the day had passed and none were dead, they took the missionary and beat him nearly to death, then they drove him away. Another attempting to prove Christ divinely by his resurrection on the third day, an old magician confronted him, saying 'I am no good, about me kill me, I will rise and show myself to you.' He was shot before the missionary had time to leave and buried and heavy stones thrown on top of him. When the missionary reached his door there stood the magician dancing. There, now it took your Christ man three days to rise, but I have risen in less than an hour. Am I not divine?"

"Do you wonder that we want men with an education to combat such facts? We do not need to be taught or even told of God. We already believe in him, but we do need to be told of the new mediator."

How would Spiritualism help them out, friends? Do we not need a missionary in the field as well as the Church with its false mediators?

"As to morality, stealing was almost unknown before the white man came among us, now thieving is common. It is so I am sorry to say. With every angel you send among us there comes ten devils, or, in plain English, with every missionary there comes ten rum sellers. At this rate how long will it take to Christianize us?"

It seems to me that the Prince propounded a very hard problem to his orthodox congregation in those remarks. What has Christianity to boast of? A trail of blood from Abel to the latest murder that has been committed. It has fought progress from its infancy, and even now it persecutes all free thinkers and progressive institutions and free thought papers, so that we are not always sure of them in our mail. If an African can see such things what ought we American people see? How far ahead of the African's religion is our modern Christianity? Give us the heathen and leave the Church to the Jews, but I have something which satisfies me better: Spiritualism in its name.

P. S.—Mr. Editor: How do you account for the magicians being killed and resurrected again? Was it a new phase of materialization? The prince said he was killed.

(We give it up.—Ed.)

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# CORRESPONDENCE

Stockton, Cal.

"God and Government" was the subject of the Rev. G. H. Rice's lecture before a large enthusiastic audience of the Unitarian Society in this city, Sunday evening, April 19.

Text: "Tyranny begins her argument by fettering free speech. Begin your reply by breaking your fetters."—Mircea.

A proposed amendment to the preamble of our Constitution, supported by the signatures of 100,000 Christian men and women, has now passed to its third reading before Congress. It is worded as follows: "We, the people, acknowledge God Almighty as the source of all power and authority in civil government, the Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler of nations, and His revealed will as the supreme authority in civil affairs."

For some unexplained reason the Holy Ghost is left out of this proposed amendment. A slight reference to him would make it a pure trinitarian declaration; as it stands, it is a Christian creed in three articles. Its purpose is to make our government, legally and officially, a Christian government. On the face of it, it appears to be a pious attempt to honor God and Jesus, by the incorporation of their names in our Constitution. Its real meaning, however, is to disfranchise all those who do not subscribe to a belief in its theological statements.

The chief framers of the Constitution were Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, and Hamilton. These men were all Theists. They left out the name of the deity intentionally, not through any lack of reverence, but because they realized that the independence of Church and State was essential. Their experience of the old world's union of Church and State had proved to them the disastrous effects of the union. The vindication of absolute individual freedom of conscience in religion was one of the most potent reasons that lead our forefathers to abandon the old world, and make their homes in the new world.

As Bancroft states in his "History of the Formation of the Constitution," "they withheld from the Federal Government the power to invade the house of reason, the citadel of conscience, the sanctuary of the soul, in order that the infinite spirit of eternal truth might move in its freedom and purity and power."

It is self-evident that the proposed amendment we are considering is diametrically opposed, both in letter and spirit, to that provision in our Constitution which declares that no religious test shall ever be provided as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States. The adoption of the proposed amendment would open countless avenues of danger to the peace and welfare, the religious and mental liberty of the nation. Not Unitarian, Universalist, Agnostic, Deist, Spiritualist, Free-thinker, Jew, or any of the great army of the unchurched or unaffiliated, no scientific thinker, Christian Scientist, or Ethical Unitarian, who is unable to give affirmation to the *idea* that Jesus Christ is the ruler of nations, and that His revealed will is the supreme authority in civil affairs, can be entitled to any consideration before the law in the light of this amendment.

Consider for a moment a few of the consequences that are involved in the passing of this pious and apparently harmless proposition. It is based upon the premise that the revealed will of Christ shall be the supreme authority. Who knows what this revealed will is? For over two years the world has been trying to find out. Millions of lives have been sacrificed in the attempt. Thousands have been made and made. Persecutions of boundless ferocity have been inflicted, not only upon men, but upon defenseless women and children. Every sacrifice known to the endurance of man has been offered. Rivers of blood have been shed. Tens of thousands have been persecuted without number have been imprisoned, and we are no nearer the solution of the age-long problem. Christendom has been torn to its foundations, and men by the hundreds have been organized, and claiming to be the special representatives of the revealed will, (just what possible basis shall the dominant be made?) The revealed will of Christ is the profound-

est theological conundrum of recorded time. The riddle of the Sphinx can be solved; the riddle of the revealed will is unsolvable, so far as common consensus is concerned, because it depends absolutely upon the spiritual enlightenment of the individual. No body of men can legislate it for us. If one congress decides what it shall be, a succeeding congress can reverse the decision. A final definition of it is a human impossibility; yet these 100,000 pious sentimentalists are deliberately attempting to embody within our constitutional law the age-long esoteric puzzle.

Had the proposed amendment been a part of our Constitution, Washington, Jefferson, J. Q. Adams, Fillmore, and Lincoln could never have been our presidents. They never would have subscribed under oath to support the Constitution.

If these 100,000 anxious seekers for the honor of God and Christ would move their resources toward promoting more of the life of God and Christ in the lives of all the people instead of paying the empty homage of imbedding their names in a document, they would more worthily enhance the honor of the deity. Christianity is not a mere matter of hollow prayers. The best way to honor God is in lessening human evils and suffering.

It is a sorry spectacle to see 100,000 Christians anxiously demanding that God shall be in the Constitution, while they stand as idle spectators while Armenia is being made the butcher field of Turkish atrocities. Let us free that country from her awful condition of oppression, even though the rescue throws the balance of power into the Bosporus.

Let Cuba have her independence. She is entitled to it by the same essential reason that had our forefathers to throw off the yoke of an obnoxious and unjust foreign control.

Let a raid be made on the scoundrels whose infamy is too deep for language to depict, who are using the laws of this land for the importation of Chinese female slaves in San Francisco. Let that horrible traffic in human flesh be suppressed at whatever cost.

Let us get after the southern syndicates that are holding this country by its financial throat, crushing its prosperity and life out of it, and chain them to the devil where they belong.

Let the laws that govern the age of consent be amended so that the innocent girlhood may be protected from the vampires who now are legally defended in their hellish work of soul and body ruin.

Let us disperse the lobbyists of the "third house," who are at the bottom of our national cesspool of corruption.

God in the Constitution. Let us get Him where he can do some good. Get Him into our lives, our hearts, our business, our sense of justice, and our respect for the equal rights of all classes and conditions. We are vastly more in need of character and education, and love for our fellows, than for this empty, sentimental mouthing of phrases filled with empty honor and the logical creeds that are an affront to reason, liberty, and the government. If we pretend to be Christians, let it mean something practical and honest, sane and humane, instead of a pastor of words such as this amendment.

The name of God would be more highly honored in an incorruptible citizenship than it could possibly be by inserting it in every clause in our Constitution.

Mr. Rice is not ambitious to attain fame as an orator, but he selects "up-to-date" subjects, and pounds out good sense. He attracts a large, brainy class of men and women who have for many years lived apart from any Church. An old gentleman, a Spiritualist of high moral and educational standing, said some time ago that he listened to Mr. Rice because he was the only preacher he ever knew that had any sense.

But we knew him August 18, he having accepted a call from Astoria, Ore.

G. W. CAMPBELL.

If you would always be healthy keep your hand pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla, the One True Blood Purifier.

All the same and worlds of space could be crowded into a very small corner of the vast expanse of space around us.—Randolph in "After Death."

Chicago, Ill.

Although it is sometime since I sent you a report of our doings in the First Spiritual Church, it does not mean that we have been idle, but rather that the season, now rapidly nearing its close, has been one of the most active, and consequently most successful in the history of our body. The large audiences that Sunday by Sunday assemble in Schiller Theater demonstrate beyond a doubt the wisdom of the move we made two years ago in settling in the center of the city, thus enabling our philosophy to demand an equal hearing with all liberal thought. The eloquence of our peerless speaker, as was to be expected, has attracted a very large increase of intelligent and thoughtful people to our church. In every department there has been life and activity. To-day, however, I write you of one of the social events which always rouse our people to the highest pitch of enthusiasm, viz: The celebration of the birthday of our beloved waterlily, Mrs. Richmond.

On Tuesday, April 21st, one of the most brilliant receptions that has ever been given her took place in Orpheus Hall, and was attended by nearly two hundred people. These had been secretly advised and invited, and all arrangements so quietly carried out that when on Tuesday night they reached their destination it was, so far as detail was concerned, a complete surprise to the recipient. The hall was prettily decorated with white, gold and blue. The ladies vied with each other in supplying dainties, and the china closets were all eager to yield up their choicest possessions, the result being such a display as is rarely seen at a choice banquet. The first half hour of the evening was devoted to the reception proper, in which Mrs. Richmond was assisted by Mrs. Dr. De Wolf and Mrs. Dr. Bushnell. The suggestion had been made that each should bring at least one rose. This was eagerly caught up, and they brought, not one, but dozens, so that when the reception was over she stood in the midst of a bank of roses. These were utilized to decorate the already beautiful tables, making a brilliant as well as a sumptuous display. And we need not say the delicious dainties rapidly disappeared when that part of it was the order of the program.

Supper over, Dr. De Wolf as toast master called the merry crowd to order, and, after a selection of song by Mr. Osborn, proposed the toast, "Our Religion," which was ably and eloquently responded to by Mrs. S. C. Cleveland; "Our Church," by Dr. Bushnell; "Our Band of Harmony," by your humble servant; "Our Sunday School," by Mrs. Ashton; "Our Friends in the Churches," by K. A. Rice; "Our Pastor," by Dr. J. E. De Wolf, during which in a very witty but neat speech he presented as a birthday gift a choice cheffonier made of Hungarian ash, which was gracefully acknowledged by the guidos for Mrs. Richmond.

The speech of the evening, however, was, of course, by the guidos in response to the toast, "The Angels of the Church," Quinn giving a birthday poem. Interspersed with these, were selections of music upon piano and violin by Madam Brogowski and Miss Olive Whiting; and a dramatic reading, magnificently rendered by Miss Alvina Knapp.

"Auld Lang Syne" brought this delightful evening to a close, and our dearly loved pastor left for her home amidst the blessings and God speed of all whose privilege it was to attend the celebration.

K. CATTEN, Sec'y.

Geo. Lemuel Wiley passed over on the morning of April 13th, at 7 a.m., aged 26 years, at the residence of his parents, 2722 South Park avenue, Chicago, Ill. He was a loving and dutiful son, and will be mourned by a large circle of friends.

The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, April 15th, at 3 p.m., from his late residence, conducted jointly by Rev. Dr. Crane, of the Trinity Methodist Church, and Rev. Geo. V. Cordingley, of the Progressive Spiritual Church.

The service was most beautiful and impressive, the words of hope and trust in a future existence as spoken by our orthodox brother, Rev. Dr. Crane was a spiritual sermon in itself, followed by the material proof of the same, as given through the mediumship of Rev. Geo. V. Cordingley, who

gave words of loving greeting from the arisen spirit to his immediate family and friends, as well as other spirits and friends testifying their presence by raps, that could be heard by all, in the words of St. Paul, "Oh, Death where is thy sting?" Oh, Grave, where is thy victory? When indeed since our loved ones are ever with us, ministering consolation and comfort in the hour of need. What a comfort to this family to know that their loved one is not dead, but simply gone to a higher existence.

The family return the sincerest thanks to all friends who have helped to console them in this hour of trial.

WM. J. MASTERS.

Lynn, Mass.

At the Lynn Spiritualists' Association—Caret Hall (J. M. Kelly, president)—on Sunday, April 26th, Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock occupied the platform, and delivered two able and interesting addresses. Mrs. Whitlock is a very pleasing speaker, and made many new friends in Lynn.

At the seance following the lectures, many quite remarkable tests were given and very fine psychometric readings.

The singing by Mr. and Mrs. Kelly was highly appreciated.

On Sunday, May 31, Mrs. Nellie Holt Harding, of Somerville, was with us.

MRS. A. A. AYKILL, Sec.

The Spiritualists of Lynn held two very interesting services Sunday at 33 Summer street with large audiences. At 2:30 p.m. they held a developing, healing, and test circle. Appropriate selections were rendered by Prof. Bert J. Richardson on the autoharp and harmonium, and Mrs. Melissa Hamill presided at the piano. Dr. S. M. Furbush gave an invocation and remarks on "Spiritual development." Dr. Furbush, W. H. Rouseville, David Sheppard, Mrs. D. K. Watson, and others administered magnetic treatments to a large number, which relieved all and cured many. They also gave a large number of tests and spirit messages. Mrs. C. B. Hare, Mrs. Lizzie D. Butler, and others gave many tests and spirit communications. These circles have done much good for the cause; they bring out some new medium every Sunday.

At 7:30 p.m. appropriate selections were rendered by Misses Lena and Elsie Barna. Mrs. Dr. M. K. Dowland gave an invocation and very interesting remarks on "The Spiritual Knowledge of Human Life." Mrs. A. Woodbury, of Boston, gave many excellent readings, tests, and spirit messages. Mrs. C. B. Hare followed with tests after tests and spirit communications, and in every case received a ready response of recognition. These mediums should be kept on the platform for their messages and tests would do much good, for there are but few that can excel them.

T. H. R. JAMES.

Lincoln, Neb.

We have had with us from January 7th to April 5th Nebraska's favorite medium, Mrs. Anna Wagner. She has been holding spiritual meetings in Young's Hall, 1519 O street. Mrs. Wagner has been a great surprise, not only to the Spiritualists here, but to the non-Spiritualist and Churchmen, who wish to know what true Spiritualism is, and what it teaches. Her lectures are of the highest order, and were highly appreciated by the large and intellectual audience she drew to each meeting by her beautiful and loving influence. She was ordained State missionary in March, to the delight of her large circle of friends, who are ever ready to render her assistance.

Mrs. Wagner's tests are the wonder of all. Her psychometric readings are most wonderfully correct. She is the best medium that has yet visited our city.

Mrs. Wagner wishes to correspond with Spiritualists in every city, town, or hamlet in the State, also with some one in Kansas City. All correspondence addressed 1519 O street, Lincoln, Neb., will reach her.

MRS. M. S. GUNDA.

The material universe is bounded, limited, circumscribed, and circumscribed, or surrounded, by a vast and almost inconceivable ocean of spirit, and on the breast of that vast one are cushioned the ethereal bolts, cones, and orbits, as are also the material constellations.—Randolph in "After Death."



Minneapolis, Minn.

Friends, co-workers, skeptics, etc., had gathered from far and near in the Minneapolis Hall of the "Washington Union of Spiritualists," in large numbers, determined to make the 20th of March a success, even to surpass all previous records; and as will be seen, their efforts were ably abetted by the "Washington Band of Spirits." Dinner on a large scale was provided of course, but that is a minor feature in the esteem of true Spiritualists. Nor may we stay to tell of pleasing music, or flowers, or decorative draperies; those who know the W. U. S. A. know also these are all done well. The speakers who favored us, will kindly excuse mere mention of their names, while we assure them their remarks were highly appreciated by all present. They were Mrs. Carrie Fuller Wetherford, Cincinnati; Mrs. Isa W. Kaynor, Chicago; Rev. Crapiste, St. Paul; Mr. Haynes, St. Paul; W. P. Roberts, M. D., Minneapolis; our own loved Mrs. Pruden, and others; to all of whom we tender our best thanks. But the marked interest of all present was centered in "the independent table-rappings," two amusing incidents of which we beg space in your columns to relate. The *modus operandi* has already been placed by your favor before your readers, in a previous issue, suffice it that we again insist that no hand of mortal or mechanical contrivance whatever is permitted contact with the table during the manifestations. "Orthodox" clergy and others will attest this, if they would speak the truth. Also mark, the questions are *mentally* asked, no one knowing their import but the individual enquirer. To proceed; several persons from among the audience had gone up to the table, asked and received answers to their questions, which answers were distinctly heard by every one present; when a gentleman approached the table. Mr. Pruden asked in a clear voice the usual questions, thus, Can you reach this gentleman? Answer. Three raps. Will you try to get his question? Again three raps. Then the querist was told to ask. All in the hall listened for the answer, but none came. The gentleman was here observed to smile. Mr. P. at last asked, Can you not get his question? Again three raps came. "Then try to answer it," but only silence prevailed. The gentleman still smiled, the audience grew excited, and he sought permission to ask another question. This was accorded, and clear and prompt came the replying raps, one—two—three! He said he was satisfied, and resumed his seat. Explanation. He afterward informed us, his were test questions. 1. "If spirits alone produced those raps, answer this question only by silence?" and 2. "If spirits are communicating, answer in the usual manner, but pause between each rap." Who the gentleman was deponent knoweth not, but he was none of us. The other incident was even more startling and amusing. A gentleman in the body of the hall, a well known lawyer, requested that the controlling spirit would, to please several old soldiers in the audience, give "the long roll." But not noticing him Mr. Pruden at the same moment invited a press reporter, whom he had observed in the rear of the hall, to come to the table and ask questions. The reporter approached the table, but could elicit no reply. Neither could the repeated efforts of Mr. Pruden obtain any response. The table remained silent. Consternation was depicted on the faces of some around the table, and all eyes turned to Mrs. Pruden. That lady passed under control and said, "A soldier stands sentinel over the table. He has been summoned to give 'the long roll,' and till that is given, he will allow no other answers to come. Will that gentleman please take his seat." The discomfited reporter had hardly sat down when "the long roll" pealed forth loud and sharp, to the satisfaction of all; after which the reporter was again invited to the table, and had his mental questions answered. Then "all went merry as a marriage bell." The reporter gave us a very favorable notice in the *Minneapolis Tribune* of the following day, but the editorial shears were too active, I'll get this cut down if I don't stop. To close, if these be not sufficient tests, would some skeptic kindly visit us, and propound others. If conviction be possible to his understanding, we will convince him. W. U. S. A. Corr.

Milwaukee, Wis.

The Unity Spiritual Society (formerly the First Society of Spiritualists) was again honored for the month of February with the ministrations of our true friend and faithful worker, Geo. H. Brooks, of Wheaton, Ill., whose earnest and cordial nature always makes him a host of warm friends where ever he goes. His profound lectures were highly appreciated by all who listened to them, the discourses on "Thought-Transference" and "Reincarnation" drew unusually large audiences. Mr. Brooks' many friends in Milwaukee all wish him every success in his untiring efforts, as he labors for the dissemination of the light of true Spiritualism. Knowing that his sterling character as well as his ability as an exponent of our philosophy will always keep him in the front ranks, where he justly belongs. Our society is now blessed with another noble and brilliant co worker, Mrs. Helen Stuart Richings, of Boston, who occupied the rostrum during the month of March will be with us during April and has drawn large audiences, and many intelligent investigators. Mrs. Richings has surely attained enviable rank and is one of the most eloquent and logical lecturers that it has been our good fortune to engage. On St. Patrick's Day she kindly gave one of her unique dramatic recitals, at the Ethical Auditorium, for the benefit of our society. Her ability as an elocutionist surpasses that of any one we have ever heard, and the Spiritualists should feel proud to have this talented, refined and rarely gifted lady among our workers. Her anniversary address was delivered in a masterly manner, and to a large and appreciative audience, which the secular papers very kindly noticed. The stage was beautifully decorated with palms, cut flowers, and mottoes appropriate to the occasion. The speaker was assisted by Mrs. Tyler Moulton, first vice-president. Miss Nellie Dickinson rendered a vocal solo, and Prof. Stillman's orchestra furnished the music, after which President Bigler made a short address on behalf of the society. The Unity Social Club, (a section of the society), will give their fifth informal hop, card party, and festival on the 17th inst., to which all are cordially invited. By request Mrs. Stuart Richings will again recite "The Yellow Bird" and "The Ride of Jennie McNeal," a dramatic sketch of heroic adventure. We are pleased to say that we expect a visit from Rev. J. C. F. Grumbine for the month of May, who will close the meetings of the Unity Spiritual Society June 1st, the most successful season in the history of Spiritualism the Cream City has ever had, and our spiritual harvest will be an abundant and lasting one. JOHN S. BIGLER, Pres't. CLAUDE F. RAY, Corr. Sec'y.

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Portland, Ore.

Dr. Dean Clarke has left Oregon, and expects to be in Milwaukee, Wis., by May 1st. His address is, "Care of Prof. A. Clarke, Soldiers' Home, Milwaukee, Wis." He is ready to answer calls in any of the Western States.

He received the following testimonial from Major Bell, one of the leading educators of Oregon, who is reputed one of the best orators of the State:

"On several occasions during the past winter I have had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Dean Clarke's lectures on Spiritualism. He is remarkably clear and logical in his presentation of spiritual phenomena, and in his deductions from the facts presented. He has a rich barytone voice, and a charm of manner in his delivery, that never fails to secure and retain the attention of his auditors. At times he rises to a pitch of eloquence and rhetorical power that is thrilling beyond that of any but our most renowned orators.

"I write this from the standpoint of an investigator of Spiritualism, and have, of course, no prepossessions in Dr. Clarke's favor. I wish to be candid, and give praise where it is due, as I think it is in this case, and I take pleasure in bearing testimony to Dr. Clarke's zeal and ability in presenting the arguments in favor of what he believes is true. I bespeak for him the patient hearing of all candid men and women.—Thos. C. Bell, Teacher."

**Cambridge, Mass.**

The Spiritual Industrial Society of Cambridge, Mass., has held meetings during the winter at Cambridge, Lower Hall, on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

The supper at six p. m., under the management Mr. E. I. Smith, has been a leading feature, and the entertainment each evening under Mrs. L. B. Sawyer has been very enjoyable, as the society has among its members Mr. N. J. Willis, the well-known inspirational speaker, Mr. H. D. Lemonds, the elocutionist, and Miss Barnett, pianist, who have freely given of their best.

P. L. O. A. Keeler, gave one of his lectures in the light on April 10th. F. A. Wiggins was with them April 24th and May 8th. The hall was well filled on each occasion, and the officers of the society feel that the interest in the cause is increasing.

M. M. NICHOLS, Pres't.

**Dubuque, Ia.**

This, the key city of the Mississippi Valley, has become noted for its rapid advancement in spiritualistic thought, and its growth is marvelous. All fair-minded people are being convinced that its truths are plainly to be understood, and under the leadership of that noted test and materializing medium, Mrs. Jennie Darrell of Texas, who is now holding meetings, and success is proving to all the truth of an immortal life beyond. Her meetings are being attended by the best citizens, and the tests given are very satisfactory and endorsed by many. The materializations given by her are guarded very closely by a committee of both ladies and gentlemen. Perfect forms come from the cabinet, and often entire groups of little children.

Mrs. Darrell is doing a grand work here for the cause, and is a fine speaker also, and handles the subject of Spiritualism in a clear and convincing manner to all that hear her. Were there more honest workers like this one now with us great would be our upbuilding; and countless human souls would be benefited. MRS. ALBERTA HOWARD.

**Atlanta, Ga.**

This city now has a marvelous healer in the person of James J. Nichols, 27 Auburn avenue. He knows nothing of his power, but he instantly cures pains, aches, and disease by a simple touch. Crooked hands, cricked necks, and various ails, aches, and diseases he removes at once. Rheumatism he cures by passing his hands once over the afflicted parts, and his cures are permanent. Under his touch the lame walk, the sick recover health, the blind see, and the deaf are made happy. He is a Methodist. What is this power? Who can tell? H. E. T.

We can not have great men until we have healthy mothers.—Randolph's "After Death."

Haverhill, Mass.

The following resolutions of respect were passed on the transition of Sister Carrie M. Frost, one of the group leaders of the Haverhill Spiritual Progressive Lyceum:

Whereas, Through the action of a divinely beautiful, just, and natural law our dear sister and co-worker, Carrie M. Frost, has been promoted to the Spirit Lyceum of the "Summer Land"; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Progressive Lyceum of Haverhill, recognizing her as a faithful member and worker for its advancement and welfare, do realize our irreparable loss, while we bow in sorrowful submission to the divine will;

Resolved, That we extend to her dear, bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy, pointing them for consolation to the blessed truth that was to her a sure defense, a "Rock of Ages";

Resolved, That we, recognizing the fact that she has only gone into a more advanced grade, and is still interested in our Lyceum work, put forth a renewed effort to advance the sacred work of teaching our children the infinite knowledge which Spiritualism alone brings to us, knowing that she will often be with us, to inspire and aid us with the clearer wisdom which she has gained;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Lyceum, and a copy sent to her family; also to the *Haverhill Gazette*, *Banner of Light*, *LIGHT OF TRUTH*, and *Progressive Thinker* for publication.

HATTIE C. WEBBER,  
HATTIE E. JONES,  
WM. H. A. SIMMONS,  
Committee on Resolutions.

**N. W. Spiritualist Camp Meeting.**

Will you please allow me space in the columns of the *LIGHT OF TRUTH*, to say to its many readers that the North western Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association opens its gates this year on Sunday, June 21st, and continues through July, giving us six weeks of the teaching. The management have made arrangements with some of the best speakers and mediums of this country to be present, and give their knowledge and light to all visitors.

We expect a very large attendance, and desire all who would like our programs to send their names to me or the secretary, and they will be forwarded at once; and if all who expect to be with us as visitors or mediums will send their names, it will help us to arrange our tents and camp so that we shall be fully prepared to receive them. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Our last year's camp was a grand success, both spiritually and financially, and all who attended expressed themselves as pleased and satisfied, but we shall try this year to improve, and make this one long to be remembered.

S. N. ASPINWALL, Pres.

7438 Fifth avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minn.

# Nervous

People often wonder why their nerves are so weak; why they get tired so easily; why they start at every slight but sudden sound; why they do not sleep naturally; why they have frequent headaches, indigestion and

**Palpitation of the Heart.**

The explanation is simple. It is found in that impure blood which is continually feeding the nerves upon refuse instead of the elements of strength and vigor. In such condition opiate and nerve compounds simply deaden and do not cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla feeds the nerves pure, rich, red blood; gives natural sleep, perfect digestion, self-control, vigorous health, and is the true remedy for all nervous troubles.

# Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. \$1; six for \$5. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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The following correspondents are assigned to him:

Mr. J. S. Kim, Amsterdam. — It need be said to our readers we should certainly judge that the statements we made in the special number of the July issue, but his advice the meeting, admitted of his statements given for the purpose of preventing injury to persons and. We should certainly have to hold in such a case, certainly, and

The only seller would be very anxious to sell the money demanded in order to satisfy the law. The money demanded is not money that is undervalued or needs to be sold but money that is sold at a price that is undervalued, being sold and accepted in exchange for goods and services. Demand for such a commodity will rise as time goes by.

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## LUCY M. POWERS.

I am in the seventh year of spirit life. Years ago my home was in Massachusetts, but I passed from earth in Albion, Michigan. I bring greetings of affection and many remembrances to dear ones here on this mortal side. I have not forgotten them, though the years have passed since I went away. Changes have come into some lives and others are living along just about the same as they did in the time gone by. I lived sixty one years on earth, and learned many experiences. Sometimes they were painful—clouds and sorrow came; but there were days of brightness, and in rounding them all up I realize that the discipline was just right for me; I think it was just what I needed to bring me to my present condition in the spirit world, and I am glad that life has been as it has. I would like all the good friends to know that this is a great truth; that death is only the opening way to a higher and a brighter life. I do not come to make a speech, but only to send my love to friends on earth; to tell them I am not dead; that those who pass from earth cannot be dead, because life cannot be killed, and that all are safe, waiting for the time when we shall meet the dear ones on the other side.

## ADELAIDE B. KING.

It is scarcely half a year since I went to the eternal world. I do not feel prepared or fitted to give much concerning that life, for I see so many souls that have lived years in the spiritual country, and must have gained so much of information that I am like a little child who has everything to learn. But I do know that I am safe and well in a country that is bright, and one that offers much of opportunity for every advancing soul. As I look back I wonder and ask myself if I have done all I might have done for the world with the means I had at my command. We have to ask ourselves many questions when we pass from the earthly life, and see what we have done and what we have omitted to do, and I presume every life must give its own answer according to its understanding of these things. I do not come to give my experiences, but to send my love and my remembrances of all that is good and sweet to my dear family and to the friends with whom I have been acquainted on this side of life. I ask my own dear ones to do all they can in love and blessing for the betterment of humanity; to not give in discriminately and without judgment, for that would not be helpful, but to exercise wisdom, and in beneficiary ways make use of that which is theirs. I bring to my loved ones, who are yet on this side of life, an encouragement to go forth in good works; to make wise use of their means, and they will gain that which will be truly uplifting and beneficial to many lives. They have the opportunities by which they may reach those that are in need of light, and enable them to gain that light; for of those who have much, much is required, and I feel that if human beings on earth will only give according to their opportunities for doing the best, they will build for themselves mansions of light and of beauty in the eternal world. Perhaps after I have been in the spirit life a year or two I will be able to say much more concerning its conditions and modes of living than I can to day, but at this time I can give a few words out of the lessons I have received since I went from earth which I hope will be of use to some one on the mortal side. My home was on Madison Avenue, New York city. My husband is D J King.

## GEORGE CARRON.

My errand, or object in coming, is to greet friends and dear ones, and one especially, by the name of John Billings, in Minneapolis. It is a long ways, I know, to send a message, but this is the nearest point that I could find for making connections between earth and spirit world, so I am here trusting to fortune to accomplish my end. The particular friend I speak of has been going through hard times for two years or more, and has had some moments of great discouragement in which he felt that life was hardly worth living. I have been watching matters pretty closely from my point of observation, and I think I can see what the trouble is; so I would like to tell my friend that if he would look a little more close-

ly into his affairs, right things himself in the shop and close by, he would be able to discover something that would help him to right matters and to get upon a more prosperous road. I have no idea of talking these things out of meeting, because it would not be just the thing to do, but I can only talk in a general way about it—perhaps it will be just as well, and accomplish the purpose I have in mind. I want to tell that as a friend that I have been with him, more or less, for some years, and that I have not forgotten the old associations, nor the talks we have had together, and I remember my promise that if I went from the body before he did I would look about and see if Spiritualism was true, and if it was I would try to make it known to him. I have been a long time in coming back, and perhaps he may not even hear of my return; but still I have accomplished something, and shall keep at it until I feel that the lesson is learned, and I have the power of making myself understood in other ways. Josephine sends her greeting to friends and all who care to hear anything of her. She is well and happy in the spirit world, and engaged in affairs best suited to her. She is looking after little children that are lost, and they make life full of sunshine to her. She does not come and speak, as I am doing to-day, yet her heart is full of remembrances and blessings for friends on earth. As for myself, I have no intention to do anything but live; I have not the slightest idea of dying. When I went out of the body I found myself in the spirit world, as much alive and active as ever, and have been so ever since. If there is anybody who is dead, it is his own fault; but there must be that within him which will, some time, quicken into activity, and make him see himself and realize that he never was more alive, and that he will have to be at work to make something of himself. I was not known to fame; there are but few people here who ever heard of me. I know I am just one little spot in the great universe of humanity, but I am doing my part the best I can, and filling my little space, and trying to work out to greater heights by seeking to help any poor fellow who is struggling along the way, and I feel better for my attempts. I thank you, sir, for opening the way for such as I am to come.

## VERIFICATIONS.

To the Editor of LIGHT OF TRUTH.

In the LIGHT OF TRUTH of April 7, 1896, there was a message from Susan Wilson, an old friend, who says she was an "old lady" when the angels came for her, which is true; also it is true that she lived with her brother James in Bridgeport, to whom she wishes to express her thanks for his and his companion's kindness to her. I knew her well; also the brother and companion. This is another proof positive of the return of our loved ones, and it gave me much pleasure and satisfaction on reading it, therefore send the acknowledgement of it, hoping the LIGHT OF TRUTH will continue to prosper and send forth messages of love and truth.

MRS. O. M. NORTH.

St. Airy, Pa.

To the Editor of LIGHT OF TRUTH.

In your paper of February 29th I recognized, with great pleasure, the communication given by Henry Child. I have waited, thinking that some of his numerous friends would be heard from; but so far they have been silent. I was well acquainted with him, and lived but a short distance from his residence in Philadelphia. He was a physician of standing. For a long time he filled the office of president of the First Spiritual Association of Philadelphia. The many kind words that fell from his lips in the lecture-room and other places often gave comfort to my hungry soul, craving for the bread of eternal life. Oh, beautiful spiritual philosophy, how I long to walk in the flowery paths towards that sunny clime, where flowers eternally bloom, and the roses never wither.

J. CANBY.

Corry, Pa.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.

Permit me to acknowledge the two messages recently published in your columns through the mediumship of Mrs. M. T. Longley, from Father Pierpont, and Rev. Helen G. Putnam. Mrs. Billings has acknowledged the latter's message as being characteristic of Miss

Putnam, and I wish to add my testimony to the same effect. It was as the reverend lady would have spoken; for she was and is a progressive soul, ever ready to do for others and to add something to the happiness of the world. I have long been looking for a word from Father Pierpont, and it came at a time when my hands felt too feeble to do the work that has been entrusted to them, hence encouraged and strengthened me in my endeavors to work for Spiritualism. I accept the sympathetic words of spirit Pierpont, and will do my best to faithfully discharge every duty laid upon me. I am grateful to the two communicating spirits for their kind, appreciative words to Mrs. Longley, the gifted instrument who voiced the messages, and to the LIGHT OF TRUTH for giving them space in its columns.

H. D. BARRETT.

Denver, Colo.

## A Clairvoyant Instrument.

The reported invention by Prof. Salvioni of an instrument for enabling the eye to see objects which are covered by materials that were heretofore opaque, is confirmed. The instrument is said to consist of a cylinder of cardboard, the inner surface of which is coated with a substance that becomes fluorescent under the action of Roentgen's rays. The other end is provided with a lens. The object to be examined and the cylinder are placed before the invisible rays developed by a Crookes' tube, when, by applying the eye to the lens, the observer sees on the fluorescent substance the shadow of the objects that are impenetrable to the rays. The instrument is called a cryptoscope, and hopes are entertained that it will shortly be perfected.—Two Worlds.

## Self-Government.

To the Editor of LIGHT OF TRUTH.

All the past efforts of science, religion, and art have been spent in the discovery of the law of harmony, a natural law which all other natural laws support. All the benefits the race has experienced has been due to the application of that law, just as all our sufferings have been due to departure from the law.

The temporary success of monopoly, and all other modes of selfish effort, may be credited to the partial observance of the law, but the observance being partial only, partial monopoly must give way to universal monopoly. Nature demands the full organic form in all manifestations of life or reconstruction.

Hence, rule by majority (might) is always bound to be a failure. The final result, whenever, wherever, and however it may be consummated, is perfect self-government.

J. T. R. GREEN.

## OBITUARY.

MRS. MARTHA MURKIN.

From her home at East Trumbull, on April 9, 1896, aged seventy-one years. She was one of the earliest advocates of our beautiful philosophy, and a woman of more than ordinary gifts, her large heart and tender sympathies have done much to bless humanity, and none were ever turned unaided from her door.

During her last illness she looked forward with pleasure to her transition to a higher life, where she would be free from earthly pain, and join her children in a happy home. Her kind companion that has been a co-worker with her through all these years is left to mourn her loss, and has our deepest sympathy.

The services were held at the Disciple church on Sunday, April 13th. O. P. Kellogg spoke in very fitting terms, and pictured the beauty and consolation a belief like ours brings to the mourning friends.

O. P. KELLOGG.

E. Trumbull, O.

MRS. H. A. PAUS.

Although we, as Spiritualists, can not view the passing of a spirit from earth to paradise with the hopeless sorrow of those who know nothing of our beautiful philosophy, yet the sudden transition of a very dear friend must fill our hearts with tender emotion.

We received the news suddenly and without warning of the passing over to spirit life of Mrs. H. A. Paus, from her earth home in New Watcom, Washington. She was for many years a resident of this city, Minneapolis, Minn., and removed to Watcom less than a year ago. She was a most lovely character, a kind, loving mother, and a true helpmate to him who is now bereft of her visible presence. She filled her home and the lives of all who came within the sphere of her influence with sunshine and love. A sweet spiritual grace radiated from and drew everyone to her. It may be truly said, to know her was to love her. And withal she was an outspoken Spiritualist in the fullest and best sense. There was no dissimbling or attempt to cover over her religious opinions when in the presence of those who, through ignorance of its beautiful truths, are wont to ridicule Spiritualism and Spiritualists. Her life was the best exponent of her religion, and shed the lustre of undying love, purity, and peace around those who are left to grief and pain.

A. O. HOTT.

## Manifestations Through the Mediumship of Mrs. Helen Fairchild.

Thursday evening, April 16th, a select party of ten people assembled at the home of Mrs. Fairchild, 33 Wellsworth street, Denver, Colo., for a seance under strict test conditions.

After examining the cabinet and room and sealing all doors and windows, we were seated in horseshoe fashion, facing the cabinet. Mr. F. G. Fairchild arranged the light and the sitters, the medium, Mrs. Fairchild, remaining outside the cabinet. But before we were fairly in our seats manifestations began. A vapory light shone about the head of the medium. Out of this light a beautiful and perfect star developed, which rose a short distance, then gently descended until it touched the carpet directly in front of the sitters and the medium, where it wavered and shone apparently enveloped in a white mist, when instantly out of this rose the head and face of a spirit which rapidly assumed the proportions of a very tall, ancient spirit, whose garments shone and glistened like sun beams. He wore about his shoulders what represented a mantle, which reached to his feet, enveloping his graceful proportions, but not screening them from view, as we could apparently look through both mantle and spirit. Yet he passed around the circle addressing several in broken English, after which he again resumed a position near the medium and began to dematerialize, and rapidly disappeared. When the last of him vanished a whitish light appeared, and out of it again arose the beautiful star, which fluttered over the head of the medium and disappeared from our sight. Now began manifestations of individuals—old and young, tall and short, lean and large, even little tots of two and three years came.

There were also sounds of martial music, and out of the cabinet stepped a fine soldierly figure. He was arrayed in officers uniform; his epaulettes and buttons glistened in the subdued light. He approached a gentleman on my left, and standing erect looked him full in the face one moment. They gazed in each others' face, then the gentleman rose, exclaiming: "My God, Albert, is it possible?" The officer stepped back, holding out his hand, saying: "Why Dave, don't you know me?" The two stood exchanging greetings when the cabinet curtains opened, and an old man and old lady crossed the floor and joined them. Softly spoken words of greeting reached us; then caresses, and they returned to the cabinet and disappeared beyond its folds. The one remaining said, "Take my hand, I am losing," and the form sank slowly down until nothing but the white hand remained clasped in the hand of the gentleman, and this melted or vanished from his clasp. The gentleman rose, looked about, and with a voice choked with emotion, said they were his father and mother and a brother, an officer in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry—said he was not a Spiritualist; was never in a seance before, but these were most certainly his folks. Then he said he would like to look into the cabinet, whereupon Forest Queen asked if he might be permitted to do so. A voice from within answered, "Let the gentleman step in."

He then arose and went inside, but said it was too dark to see. Mr. Fairchild handed him a box of parlor matches, instructing him to light one, which he proceeded to do, but complained he could see neither spirit nor mortal. After looking everywhere, he stepped out of the cabinet, but had not taken two steps in the room when the curtain parted and a boy of ten stood in plain view, and called: "Papa; it is I, Ben." There was a greeting with broken words, and the gentleman returned to his seat convulsed with emotions. But his soul was awakened to a great truth, and joy shone through his tears. A holy hush fell upon our little group, and many eyes were moist in sympathy with the great joy that shone on the face of our friend—kept calm no longer. Forest Queen now bade us good night, and this most remarkable seance was at an end.

ELIZABETH HODGINS.







## Gabriel's New Trumpet.

*Fin-de-Siècle* Paris is just now agog over a young woman who says she is controlled by the Angel Gabriel; sufficient importance being attached to her case to warrant the publication of two columns of matter relating to it in the *New York Herald* of the 20th ult., together with a picture of the seer, vile enough to stop the tides. And all this future comes about because some mediocre spirit has found in a somnolent young woman an avenue by which he may palm off the usual stock in trade belonging to quasi-developed intelligence and render confusion worse confounded in the minds of those who essay to investigate psychic phenomena.

There are scores of auto-hypnotic subjects in the world controlled by Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, and all the other myths from Taweh down to the Cardiff giant who will hail with delight this new trumpet of Gabriel. Being a Catholic she has likely been hit upon by one of the Diaks of that cult for the purpose of bolstering up superstition and at the same time break up and dissipate the growing interest in Spiritualism. As the trump of Gabriel she can make even Emil Zola believe that he will yet become a member of the French Academy. This could not be done were she just plain Mile. Condon, a half developed medium, in Rue Paradis. Of some of the other great personages who visit him, Gabriel does not guess so accurately. For instance he touches off the eminent actor Coquelin thus: "You are a statesman. The revocation of the edict of Moscow was one of your great achievements. The world also owes you some elevated thoughts upon the French Revolution."

At this distance it would appear that Gabriel has made a serious mistake in reducing the office of heaven's trumpeter to the human understanding. It would be in much better form for him to resume the old-time and familiar horn and pose, so marvelously pictured to us by the prolific imaginations of poets and hallowed artists. Besides he is a little premature in taking up his residence in Paris and making snap shots at the characteristics of eminent Frenchmen. As we understand it, Gabriel is supposed to be standing on the battlements of heaven, waiting for the signal from the Throne to sound the trump that shall wake a vast bone, viscera, and cuticle resurrection, wherein earth shall no longer be a war cemetery, but shall jingle with life and smell to high heaven. This is positively to be the greatest show on earth and yet if we are to accept the Papist dicta of France, Gabriel is now encoined in the organism of a somnolent French female and predicting all manner of events. Judging from the published accounts of his peripatetics into the future he adopts Mark Twain's formula: "The way to predict is to predict."

## Talmage and His Fire God.

Talmage's God is whisking around again in rather inconveniently warm fashion and will likely burn out the great soul-saving commission house in Washington unless the brokers can head him off some way.

A fire broke out a few days ago across the street while broker Talmage was contorting and yelling prices to an immense audience and the people became very much alarmed. We have had little respect for Talmage's God since the ready way in which he destroyed the saintly acrobat's great work in Brook-

lyn. Talmage was an inoffending man who was writing epitaphs on the tombs of conscience and in this, supposedly doing God's work, and yet God burned him out three times. At least this is what Talmage says.

To a layman, not looking for epitaphs, it would appear that a God who would thus use his chief spokesman could not be trusted, and yet the experiences of the past do not appear to have affected Talmage, and unless something is done there will be a more dire calamity in Washington than the spectacle of Grover Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle trying to make the donkey pull the Democratic garbage cart to the Salt River.

## College Girls.

Every now and then we notice items in the newspapers full of pungent or caustic wit—at least in the estimation of their writers—pointed at the Vassar or other college-bred girl, the aim of which is to question the ability of such a girl to attend to household duties or to conduct the machinery of domestic affairs properly. Yet with all the comments, insinuations, and rallery of the press at the college girl, it knows, as all the world does, that she is a creature of immense resources and of versatile talent.

That she can manage the machinery of daily duty and activity with adroit skill; that in the culinary art she is no novice and can concoct tempting dishes upon scientific ground in which the proper combination of elements render it impossible for dyspepsia to visit the one who partakes of them. In other fields she is at home, whether it be in the realm of art or mechanics the well-educated girl brings common sense and wisdom to her tasks. She is one to be proud of not to ridicule, and she is proving herself to be an important factor in the progress of the race.

## Another Foreign Menace to Home Production.

The New York Customs officers are in a wrangle over imports on holy water, some of them claiming that it ought to pay duty, and others that it ought to come in free.

The importation of holy water must be a new industry, and like all other foreign manufactured products seeking a market in this country is designed to cripple the home production, and the LIGHT OF TRUTH respectfully but urgently calls on Major McKinley as the great apostle of protection to speak out on this danger. We have no hesitation in saying that here is ample ground for a high tariff. If this country is to be overrun by cheap, foreign holy water the people want to know it, and provide ways and means for keeping up the present high standard of American manufacture in this important article. Deputy Collector Easterbrook maintains that it ought to sustain a levy of 10 per cent. We say 20 per cent. Now let us hear from McKinley. If he speaks out now he is likely to allay all animosity on the part of the A. P. A.'s and go into the Presidency with a rush.

## He Proves Too Much.

The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott speaking in Brooklyn the other evening of the difference between Paganism and Christianity said that the Pagan religion never built hospitals nor almshouses nor educational institutions, nor any other works calculated to be beneficial

to the public. Christianity did all these things.

We fear that if Dr. Abbott's statement is to be taken in its full scope it proves too much for Christianity. It has come to be pretty thoroughly understood that hospitals, almshouses, and other eleemosynary institutions are not indicative of a high order of civilization. A true economic structure would banish every poorhouse and hospital in the land and make Christianity respectable and more acceptable.

Dr. Abbott is in error, too, in ascribing these institutions to Christianity. The building of hospitals, almshouses, and prisons is due to the pressure of evils having their origin in perverted economics. Religion has little to do with it except as a hanger on. The religious world holds the autopsy on the victims of economic disaster and assists in providing burial places.

Paganism and Christianity are alike so far as the mitigation of poverty and distress are concerned.

## A New Turn.

Acting on the principle that half a loaf is better than none at all, the God-in-the-Constitution bacteria are now in festing a bran new pan of dough.

A joint resolution introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Willis provides an amendment to the one introduced by Messrs. Fry and Hoar acknowledging Almighty God as the source of all authority in civil government, and the Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler of nations, etc., and which has been pigeon-holed. Mr. Willis' resolution states that if this were to be adopted by constitutional majority by Congress and the State Legislatures it would change our organic law from a purely secular to a theocratic government and so he offers the following:

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, trusting in Almighty God, do ordain and establish," etc., etc.

This is a considerably modified form of the prevailing God-in-the-Constitution bacteria, and is doled out by a doctor who understands the case. There is no Jesus in this and just how the arrangement is going to suit the Throne in the clouds is left for various conjectures.

## CURRENT EVENTS.

J. B. Wise, of Clay Centre, Kansas, who sent an obscene passage from the Bible through the mails to Rev. H. B. Vennum, of Indiana, same State, with whom he had a religious argument, was fined \$50. Wise will appeal—not so much to have the verdict annulled or reversed but to have it sustained. By it he wins his argument, and proves the Bible an obscene book—much to the discomfort of the Church, which has been endeavoring to have the trial stopped, and a *non pro* entered. According to the verdict a Comstockian could now be arrested for mailing a Bible.

Prof. C. L. Norton, of Boston, has succeeded in another discovery in connection with the new light, and with it can see disease in the vital organs, and diagnose accordingly. He uses the Crooke's tube and the Holtz machine conjointly with certain adjustment of the electric current. Besides the above he can see the heart pulsations and their connections with the liver and lung operations. This is marvelous, but the greatest discovery would be the secret workings of the stomach—the seat of all disease.

# Fits Cured

From *U. S. Journal of Medicine*. Prof. W. H. Peck, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any living Physician. His success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 20 years' standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable work on this disease, which he sends with a large bottle of his absolute cure, free to any sufferer who may send their P. O. and Express address. We advise anyone wishing a cure to address Prof. W. H. PECK, 4 Cedar St., New York.

Last Sunday, May 3d, Dr. Talmage said in a sermon that the Arctic regions were the first portions of this world inhabitable—the first to be cool enough for human foot and human lung. What is the matter with Eden, Mr. Talmage? Have you become heretical to Genesis, or is this only a bit of truth unthinkingly spoken? We congratulate, nevertheless.

The Ohio Legislature has adjourned. A local paper says it left the desks and chairs behind. Well, it made some good laws, at all events, even if all were not good. It was above the average of legislatures, and we should be thankful for that. But it forgot one law which could have been made in retaliation of the press being against it, and that is to stop bogus advertising, imposing the fine, however, on the advertiser—including those who insert reading notices that begin interestingly on a popular topic, and close by advising to take certain remedies for certain diseases. Both are swindles according to the definition of the word by law.

## Louis Pasteur.

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to call you a Materialist and you shall be a Materialist whether you like it or not."

In his remarks upon the death of Prof. Tyndall, Mr. Herbert Spencer also spoke as follows:

"Prof. Tyndall was much more conscious than physicists usually are, that every physical inquiry pursued to the end, brings us down to metaphysics and leaves us face to face with an insoluble problem."

Prof. Huxley, in his reply to Mr. Lilly, as published in the November number of the *Fortnightly Review* for 1895, writes as follows:

"Mr. Lilly's third thesis runs that I put outside as unverifiable everything which can not be brought into a laboratory and dealt with chemically, and again I say, no! And assuredly I have never given the slightest grounds for the attribution to me of the ridiculous contention that there is nothing true outside the bounds of physical science. Mr. Lilly says that 'with whatever rhetorical ornaments I may glid my teaching, it is Materialism.' If I believed that I had any claim to the title of 'Materialist,' as that term is understood in the language of philosophy and not in that of abuse, I should not attempt to hide it by my gliding. But to repeat what I have more than once taken pains to say in the most unadorned of plain language, I repudiate as philosophical error, the doctrine of Materialism. It seems to me pretty plain that there is another thing in the universe, to wit, consciousness, which I can not see to be matter or force, or any conceivable modification of either, however intimately the manifestation of the phenomena of consciousness may be connected with the phenomena known as matter and force."

It is not true, then, that all our great scientists are Materialists, even though many of them are Agnostics. In a certain sense we are all Agnostics. We do not know much that we would like to know much that at present it seems impossible to know.

But there is so much that is and can be absolutely known that refutes Materialism or the doctrine that death ends all, that we can positively assert the fact of a future existence.



## MISCELLANEOUS.

Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH.

### Only a Step.

MRS. J. A. HENLEY.

'Tis only a step across the dark portal,  
As the curtain is lifted away,  
For us to pass on to regions immortal,  
And the realms of an eternal day.

Where all is illumined by angels of light,  
And our age is exchanged for bright youth;  
Where our spirits unfettered shall evermore live  
In an aura of goodness and truth.

Then why should we linger and cast a look back,  
To the earth with its trials and cares,  
When we should rejoice to leave it behind,  
With its brilliant temptations and snares?

Is it that our faith, as we tread the dark road  
That leads to the river of death,  
Grows weaker and falters along the strange way,  
Till we doubtfully give up our breath?

Or is it that we are so bound to the earth  
By the cords of ambition or love,  
That our spirits unwillingly sever the bond,  
Even to soar to the regions above?

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### Remarkable Test Phenomena in San Francisco.

Full Names Given to Investigators  
—Slate-Writing Extraordinary.

WM. EMMETTE COLEMAN.

Some years ago there was a remarkable slate-writing medium in San Francisco named Mrs. Reed. She is no longer a public medium in this city, and I do not know what has become of her. She gave private sittings to ladies only, so I had no opportunity to have a personal seance with her. On one occasion I attended a public seance, for a benefit, I think, at which she gave an exhibition of her slate-writing phenomena to a mixed audience. I watched everything that occurred in the most careful, analytical manner, and, in my opinion, fraud was an impossibility. I sat close to the medium, and, as there was no concealment, no tables, no apparatus, but everything in plain sight all the time, I am positive that no fraud was attempted or performed, and a number of those present in turn had a sitting with her in full sight of all.

I never lost sight of the slates the entire seance. Each in turn held one end of the slate, while Mrs. Reed held the other. For about one half of the time, writing came on the slate, and in each case the message written was appropos to the sitters receiving it. So thoroughly satisfactory to me was the phenomena that I published an account of it at the time in the *Religious Philosophical Journal of Chicago*.

But it was in her private sittings that the most startling phenomena took place in presence of Mrs. Reed, and I purpose to give an account of a few of the many wonderful sittings given by her. My information is derived at first hand, from the participants themselves, and I have seen and read the writing on some of the slates, which have been carefully preserved to this day. I have just received, for the second time, from the sitters, a full detailed narrative of the circumstances and happenings at the sittings, and have examined the slates and spirit-part of their contents, expressly for this article. I have known the sitters for a number of years, and I can vouch for their entire truthfulness and honesty. Besides, the evidence of the slates themselves confirms their words. I am positively certain that everything occurred just as related by them.

Mrs. H. was an unbeliever in Spiritualism. Hearing of the phenomena through Mrs. Reed, and wishing, if such a thing was possible, to hear from a young child of her's who had recently died, she concluded to see what she could get at Mrs. Reed's. She had some religious scruples about what she was doing; she was in doubt as to whether she was doing right in consulting a medium. With unbelievers, it was the custom of Mrs. Reed to have the sitters bring their own slates, and to hold them all through the seance, while she (the medium) never touched them at all. Hearing of this, Mrs. H. bought

four slates, and had a small piece of pencil put between two of them. She went to Mrs. Reed, taking the four slates with the pencil between them. Mrs. Reed never touched the slates at any time during the seance. Mrs. H. first held in her hand two of her slates, and soon heard the pencil writing. When they were filled, she held the other two, which had been resting in her lap, and they were also filled with writing. The tiny bit of pencil left after the first two slates were filled was put between the second two. It was all used up before the second set of messages was finished. So another piece of pencil was placed in the last two slates, and with this the messages were concluded. I have examined these four slates, and can testify as to what is written thereon. As Mrs. Reed never touched the slates, Mrs. H. knows that an unseen power wrote on the four slates.

Mrs. H. thought of four spirits in particular from whom she would like to hear, and a message from each of the four was upon the four slates. It should be borne in mind that Mrs. H. was an entire stranger to Mrs. Reed; that she told Mrs. Reed nothing about herself or about what spirits she wished to hear from. She wrote no ballots or questions for Mrs. Reed. She went there and merely sat with her, holding her own slates, with not a word passing between the two as to who the sitters was, or from whom she wanted to hear, or what she wanted to know from them. Not only did she get messages from the four she wished to come, but they all wrote on the very points she desired them to write about. She wanted to hear from her father about her recently-deceased child, and from her pastor, her Sunday-school teacher, and her seminary teacher, whether she was doing right or not in consulting the dead through a medium, and whether immortality was true, etc.

One of the four messages was from her father, and it was almost entirely devoted to her dead child. In it he refers to "your mother," his wife as still living, which she was and is.

The pastor's message was signed, "Your loving pastor, T. H." (his initials).

The seminary teacher's message was signed with her first name in full, and the initial of the last name, in this manner, "Annie E. R." which was correct. During earth life this person was addicted to the use of the term, "life eternal," in place of saying "eternal life"; and it is a remarkable fact that in her slate message she used it, and put it between quotation marks; thus, "life eternal." This putting it between quotation marks indicates that it was given on the slate as a test of identity. In earth life she used to say that she was proud of Mrs. H. as a pupil, and in her slate writing she says: "I am as proud of you as when in life." This lady was very particular and precise in earth life, and she concluded the message by apologizing for not doing better in what she had written.

The fourth message was signed with the full name of the Sunday-school teacher of Mrs. H.; thus, "Henry Williamson," and in it he assured her that immortality was true, this being an answer to her unexpressed query.

Her pastor, T. H., told her it was not irreverent to call upon them as she had done, and he and the others expressed pleasure in having the opportunity afforded them of addressing her. At that time Mrs. H.'s husband was decidedly unsympathetic towards Spiritualism, and her pastor told her that "we will furnish food for reflection to you Mrs. H.," this mention of her husband by name being another test.

Each of the four messages on the slates is in a different handwriting, and a comparison of the earthly writings of the two teachers, Miss R. and Mr. Williamson, with their alleged slate-writing, shows strong resemblance between them, the signature of Mr. Williamson being almost identical.

Not long after this, Mrs. H. and her husband attended a public mixed seance of Mrs. Reed's. They got a message from her father, signed with his full name. Mrs. H. asked her little boy what he could do so as to make himself known at home, and this reply was written, signed "Control": "Your child, Arthur H. (full name given) is not able to write for you yet, but sends love, and he will rap for you to-night at the head of the bed. That night, while Mrs. H. was in the children's room, all at

once a rap was heard on the head of the bed. She then said if it was Arthur, let three raps be given, and then three raps were at once given. She again said: "If that is you, Arthur, please rap three times," and the second time it rapped three times. This settled the matter for both Mr. and Mrs. H. This rapping in their own home, in accordance with a promise through Mrs. Reed, proved the action of an unseen power independent of Mrs. Reed, and an intelligence conscious of what had been done at Mrs. Reed's. If a spirit did not rap that night, what was it that did it?

I omitted to state that in each of the four messages received by Mrs. H. at her first sitting with Mrs. Reed, she was addressed by her first name correctly; as, "My dear Julia," etc., this being one more of many tests given in those four messages.

Mrs. R. and family also had a very remarkable experience in slate-writing and other phenomena. Mrs. R. was a great skeptic in all matters pertaining to Spiritualism, as also were her two daughters, and all three were exceedingly antagonistic thereto. The mother hearing of the remarkable phenomena taking place at Mrs. Reed's sittings, was moved by curiosity to go and see if there was any truth in it. She bought the slates and took them with her, with the pencil between them. She held them all the time, the medium never touching them. She heard the pencil writing, and found on them a message from her husband, signed with his full name, "J. T. B." (the last name being in full). He was a German, and his message called her, "Meine liebe Frau." He mentioned the names of his two daughters, and said that the youngest would be developed as a mechanical writing medium. At that time Mrs. R. had a wayward son who was absent from home. The father said, in his message, that he would bring this son home and make him a useful member of society. Mrs. R. was a stranger to the medium, it should be noted.

Mrs. R. of course had all her skepticism knocked out of her by this experience, but as her daughters were so opposed to Spiritualism, she told them nothing about the matter. Not long after this the father's prophecy about the younger daughter was verified. One day while she was en route to the office in which she was employed, her arm began to shake in a peculiar manner, and she could not stop it. She went to the office, but being unable to check the movements of her arm, she could not do her work; so, to her regret, she was forced to go home and do nothing. Her arm continued to shake, and she did not know what to make of it. Finally her mother told her of her experience with Mrs. Reed, and showed her the message of her father, and what he had said about her mediumistic development. They then tried to see if her hand would write, and soon it did so; and ever since she has been a writing medium, answering mental questions. The father often communicates with her and the family, through her, giving them advice and counsel, and the daughter is delighted that she can in this manner hear from him. The other daughter also, in consequence of these facts, gave up her skepticism, and is in full fellowship with her mother and sister. The wayward son has returned home, and is now steadily employed.

A certain lady in Oakland, across the Bay from San Francisco, is now a Spiritualist. She never went to a medium in her life but once, she says, but that once was sufficient. After the death of her sister she one day overheard some ladies talking about their wonderful experiences with Mrs. Reed. She determined to visit Mrs. Reed; so she bought two slates, had a piece of pencil placed between them, and tied them together. As usual, Mrs. Reed never touched the slates, the sitters holding them herself the entire time. She heard the pencil writing, and on opening the slates found a long message from her sister. They were accustomed to call each other "Mame" and "E." The slate message began with "My darling Mame," and concluded, "Your loving sister, El."

The lady who received this message is a very intelligent, conscientious woman.

Here is another remarkable case of slate-writing. On Thanksgiving Day a lady placed a chair at the dinner table for her dead husband. Her niece ran

up-stairs to finish her toilet, and the idea occurred to her to sit at a table in the room, and ask her uncle if he would be with them at Thanksgiving dinner that day, and if so, to rap on the table. She did so, and there came a rap on the table. The aunt, after this, hearing about Mrs. Reed's sittings, concluded to try and see what she could get from her. So she took her own slates there, with pencil between them, and sat and held them. Mrs. Reed never touching them. They sat and sat, but no writing came. The lady was very anxious for a message, and much grieved at not getting any. For an hour they sat, but nothing came. Mrs. Reed told the lady she was too anxious, and her excited mental state probably interfered with the production of the writing. Reluctantly she strapped up the slates and laid them in her lap, and in a short time departed sadly disappointed. Her niece was waiting anxiously for her return, and was much put out when her aunt told her that she got nothing. "Let me see what kind of slates you bought," said the girl, and she unwrapped them and looked at them. "Look, aunty, look!" she cried. "There is writing on this slate." And to the aunt's astonishment she read this on the slate: "I was I who came to Lily on Thanksgiving Day. Your loving husband, ———." (his name being signed to it). It was evident that, after the aunt had strapped up the slates, this message was written on it, probably in consequence of her having become calmer and more passive, her anxiety and excitement having left her.

Taken all in all, this series of phenomena are among the most thoroughly satisfactory, convincing, and indisputable of any that I have ever been brought in connection with, particularly in the matter of personal identity and undoubted genuineness; and as such they are worthy of permanent record as evidencing positive proof of the truth of the essential principles of Modern Spiritualism. The witnesses all reside in San Francisco and Oakland, and are all of irreproachable character and standing and of high intelligence—good, honest, sensible, level-headed persons, and the slates themselves are in evidence "to this day."

### The Trumpet at Wellston, O.

To the Editor of LIGHT OF TRUTH.

Having heard of Spiritualism for several months past, but not having the opportunity to investigate, I concluded to visit my brother, J. C. Booth, of Oriskany, O., where there is a good trumpet medium, a Mr. Geo. Hamilton, but who could not give us a meeting on account of sickness in his family. On Sunday evening, April 19th, however, I, in company with J. C. Booth, Peter Hoffman, J. H. Booth and Lizzie Jones, visited Mr. Chas. Starr, of Murray City, whose son, a boy only fourteen years of age, is a good trumpet medium, and with Mr. Starr, his wife, and little daughter, we held a circle. We had some excellent manifestations. After the circle was over the medium gave me a test. The circle then retired, and on close examination I found that there was no one in the room except myself and the medium. I sat down directly in front of the medium, and clasped both his hands as they lay upon his knees, and while I was singing the medium was entranced and the trumpet arose. While being wafted through the room, it joined me in the singing in a loud voice. After the tests were satisfactorily given, a light was brought in; and after searching the room, I found it contained no one but myself and the medium, the doors being locked, and the medium having never left my grasp for an instant during the sitting. It fully convinced me of spirit return.

I will ask those skeptically inclined, if this is not spirits, what is it?

I predict a bright future for this little boy medium, who is doing so much to enlighten the people of his city, and I am ready and willing to be qualified to the above.

Thanking Mr. Starr and family for their kindness, I hope to meet them again—if not in this world, in the next.

GEO. W. BOOTH.

Unbreakable mirrors are made in Germany from transparent celluloid. The silvering is backed by a second celluloid plate, giving thus a mirror surface on both sides—or forming a double mirror.



# THEOSOPHICAL

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the ideas expressed under this caption; and, having invited advocates of Theosophy to a hearing, we believe counter-arguments to be out of order during the interval—unless in the form of higher truths that speak for themselves, the only true method of elevating one's own cause—and written for our other department without reference to this.—Eds.

Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH.

## My Experience as a Theosophist.

R. D. TITUS.

As I meet in my travels but few who are familiar with the teaching of Theosophy, or its parent philosophy, known as Esoteric Buddhism; and as it is claimed, and with good grounds, that all religions and creeds had their origin and can be traced back to Esoteric Buddhism, before relating my experience with Theosophy, I am impressed it would be well to outline in a few words the teaching that is the most ancient known to man.

Buddhism is divided into two classes—the Esoteric and Exoteric. The Exoteric, or outer, has split, like Christianity, into numerous creeds, and its followers are found in various localities and countries, while the Esoteric, the inner, as the word implies, has its principal seat in Tibet, situated on the table lands of the Himalaya mountains.

While Buddhism takes its name from Buddha, the teacher or reformer, it antedated him as a philosophy rather than a religion, many thousand years; in fact, it is claimed, with much color of truth, that the school of Adepts have concealed in the recesses of the Himalaya mountains the world's history in Sanskrit for 10,000 years, which will be given to the world as soon as the cycle of man's evolution will permit, under the law, of his knowing the truth.

It is claimed that an Aryan civilization existed in Northern Hindustan 10,000 years ago, which in morals and spirituality transcended the civilization of the present day, the material evidence of it being found in the ruins of crumbled palaces, overgrown by forests, and remote from any civilization recorded by the world's history other than above mentioned. The religion or philosophy of that ancient people was Esoteric Buddhism.

Following out the law governing the cycle of man's evolution, that civilization, after reaching the apex of its power and grandeur, fell.

Before its final decline the School of Adepts was formed, and has maintained its organization and preserved its records, which will, as before stated, be given to the world when the proper time comes.

As Modern Spiritualism gives the phenomena, and Esoteric Buddhism gives not only the phenomena but philosophy, it would, no doubt, be of interest to investigating Spiritualists to know what the philosophy of Esoteric Buddhism teaches.

It teaches that the universe has its night (*paralya*) and day (*manvantara*).

Figuratively speaking, the universe may be viewed from two aspects—spirit, the positive, and matter, the negative pole. In the night of the universe spirit and matter unite in a period of rest, when all manifested nature becomes invisible.

At the beginning of a *manvantara*, or day of the universe, the life wave passes through: planets, suns, and systems are hurled out, first in a gaseous state, and the cycle of evolution proceeds.

Finally spiritual entities from the positive pole of the universe enter and animate matter into life, forming—say, upon a planet—a species of grass, moss, or lichen, and often passing through the various species of that plant, the species becomes extinct upon that globe, and the entities pass on to another planet, assuming a higher form of life, passing around a cycle of seven globes seven times, finally reaching the spiritual plain of man, and its destiny, after ages of evolution, is to become a god, and as a Greater Good to rule over the lesser gods, or direct, under the law, the evolution of the lower entities.

Now comes man. It teaches that this is the fourth round upon this globe.

That in passing through this, the fourth round upon this globe, man

passes through seven root races—each root race having seven sub-races, and each sub-race is divided into seven nations or families, and that man must, under the law of Karma, incarnate in each and every root race, sub-race, and nation or family.

It teaches that man, at the beginning of the fourth round, came upon the earth in a spiritual form, and was in reality a god, having absolute power over matter, and the lower plant and animal form of life was created in form at his bidding.

During the first race, he was not only spiritual but sexless.

During the second race, he commenced to assume material form.

During the third race, he became material, and divided into sexes.

It was this division into sexes from whence sprung the rib story of the origin of woman, and from his becoming or assuming material form originated the story of the fall of man.

As he became material, and divided into sexes, he lost spiritual power over matter. He became, as it were, a god incarnated in a beast.

The highest type of man to day is the fifth sub-race of the fifth root race.

The Mongolians and Chinese are remnants of previous races.

Man is the microcosm of the macrocosm, or, viewed from his seven aspects, three spiritual and four material. He reflects the like number of aspects the universe may, figuratively speaking, be viewed from.

The aspects man may be viewed from or classified into are as follows:

Spiritual—(1st) Atma, or spirit, which is God; (2d) Buddhi, or spiritual soul; (3d) Manas, or human soul.

Material—(4th) Kama Rupa, or animal soul desire; (5th) Linga Sharira, or vitality; (6th) Prana, astral or spiritual body; (7th) Rupa, or human body.

The first three—Atma, Buddhi, and Manas, form the triad or monad, purely spiritual and formless, and never had a beginning, and will never have an ending. It is this monad that, animating matter through ages of evolution, becomes a god.

The last three, including the grosser part of Kama Rupa, belong entirely to earth, and eventually disintegrate and return to their respective elements.

Now, here comes the bearing of Esoteric Buddhism upon the phenomena of Spiritualism, and to him who has observed and studied spiritual manifestations for a quarter of a century or more will, upon a deeper investigation of the teachings of Esoteric Buddhism, find much food for profitable thought.

It teaches that at death man casts off Rupa, the human body, merely as he would discard an old garment, and stands after death in his Astral, or spiritual body, spiritually and otherwise unchanged.

After remaining for variable periods in Kama Loka, or the Astral Plain, in his evolution, the Kama Rupa, Linga Sharira, and Prana, above referred to, are dropped, when the formless, higher ego, monad, or triad, as it is variously referred to, passes into Devachan (which is a state, not a locality), where the monad remains in a state of happiness and rest for many centuries, as a rule, until finally, through the operation of the law of Karma, it is eventually compelled to reincarnate again as man.

This course is repeated again and again, until the cycle of man's evolution through the root races, sub races, and nations previously referred to, are completed upon that globe in that round, when the life wave passes on to another globe, ever on the ascending scale.

It is man upon the astral plain before passing, in his evolution, into Devachan, who communes and holds intercourse with the physical world, although the higher ego or monad may, under certain conditions, be recalled from Devachan for communion with man on the physical plain.

Now comes the question, What is an Adept or Mahatma?

An Adept is one who, through spiritual works, has, through the operation of the law of Karma, been permitted to outstrip his fellows in his evolution.

For instance, the advanced man of this period belongs to the fifth sub race of the fifth root race, and must yet pass through the remaining sub races—not only of the fifth race, but those of the sixth and seventh races, before he has completed the cycle of the fourth

round, and is ready for the fifth round. The Mahatma or Adept has already completed his fourth round of evolution, and, disdaining to accept Nirvana, or Heaven, awaiting him while his fellow men are suffering, he reincarnates as did Christ or Buddha and others, to aid man in his evolution.

The deeper a man is in need the less power he has over it, and the greater power it has over him; if he is out of it, he can drain it or bridge it, and, in fact, has complete power over it. So it is with the monad incarnated as man. As before stated, man is a god incarnated in a beast, and the more powerful the beast the greater will and spiritual power is required to control it.

Realizing this truth, the Mahatmas scorn the allurements of earth, and devote their lives, often in disguise and without reward, for the good of man.

Their miracles and absolute power over matter is too well known to the average reader to speak of here, or, at least, I may refer to it in some subsequent article.

Now comes Theosophy and the Theosophical Society.

The word "theosophy" means divine wisdom, having its origin previous to the Christian era.

The Theosophical Society of the present time was founded a few years ago by Madame Blavatsky, Wm. Q. Judge, and Col. Olcott.

The story runs that Madame Helen P. Blavatsky, a Russian lady, spent seven years in Tibet studying Sanskrit under the direction of the School of Adepts, and upon her return to Germany she first wrote the work entitled "Isis Unveiled," and afterwards "The Secret Doctrine," previous to founding the Theosophical Society with the person above named, "The Secret Doctrine" being the text book of the Theosophical Society.

Col. Olcott was the first president, Wm. Q. Judge, vice-president, and Madame Blavatsky, secretary. Col. Olcott took up his headquarters in India, Wm. Q. Judge in New York, and Madame Blavatsky in London, England. At the death of Madame Blavatsky, Anna Besant succeeded her as secretary.

While the affairs of the Society were progressing apparently serenely, I took up the study of the philosophy of Esoteric Buddhism by reading carefully the various works upon the subject. The deeper I investigated the more I became convinced that the advent of Modern Spiritualism was but "history repeating itself." That the advanced man of to-day was evolving to that higher plain of spirituality and power enjoyed by the Aryan civilization of Northern Hindustan of 10,000 years ago.

[To be concluded.]

## A Happy Occasion.

After eleven years investigation in the varied phenomena of Spiritualism and numerous joyous experiences, I can truly say that I never witnessed so convincing a seance—as one recently given in a private house by Esie Reynolds, the well known materializing medium. A gathering of about thirty, some of whom were skeptics (but not those obstreperous ones) completed the circle. The outer door was nailed securely, and windows were closely covered with oil cloth. While yet there was sufficient light for each sitter to clearly recognize each other, and before the medium had entered the cabinet, twenty forms, male and female, mature and children, formed, rising from tiny white objects on the carpet, in full view of all, to the required size, many of them claiming recognition and conversing with their loved ones. After Mrs. Reynolds took her place behind the curtains, many came still stronger, each and every one, and two at a time, differing in size and proportion. A woman with a small babe in her arms appeared, the babe lifting its tiny head to gaze about the room. At the close of the seance, the doors and the windows, the cabinet and the medium, were at the disposal of the sitters, so far as investigation was concerned.

I am more and more satisfied that seekers, or sitters, are equal sustainers with the medium, of conditions for fair or unsatisfactory manifestations. My own gratification at the above seance was so great that I take pleasure in thus speaking of Mrs. Esie Reynolds.

ELLA LUCY MERRIAM

## A New Medium.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.

As the materializing seance furnishes astonishing proof to the honest investigator, as well as to convince the most skeptical, and as these seances are always interesting, I desire to give the tests and conditions under which the medium was placed at a seance held at the residence of the medium in Andover, O., on April 3d. The medium, Mr. John Archer, was placed in a cabinet made of matched flooring, with a screen door, and fastened to the floor by the corners with an L shaped iron, so it was impossible for the cabinet to be moved.

When those present, being fourteen in number, were satisfied that the medium was secured, the light was adjusted to suit the conditions, the circle was formed, and the seance opened by singing; after which the medium's control announced that we were to see a water lily, which was very distinct, and was approved by all. Then followed an English rose, a dahlia, a Southern rose with leaves, which we were allowed to handle, and was as real as nature; then followed a pansy two inches in diameter. These flowers were illuminated, because on this night the mercury stood near zero, with about four inches of snow on the ground. The next was an illuminated baby's hand, with a piece of gold in the palm. Following this we had physical manifestations on the violin and bones, which were played to any piece we were a mind to sing, with perfect harmony. And, lastly, there materialized two small children about one and one half years old. We had good light during the materialization, so that the children were plainly seen by all, to their perfect satisfaction.

I deem it worthy to note that Mr. Archer is to be classed among the few who have developed such wonderful mediumship, and should be given a place in our midst, where he may help to raise the doubting threads from the minds of those who might be made to see the higher and better way.

J. W. HARRIS.

## SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

The most powerful battleships in the British navy, the "Magnificent" and the "Majestic," have each 150 compartments, with 208 doors. Lord Charles B. Bedford recommends closing up 10 of the doors, and modifying 23 others, to lessen the risk of sinking in case of accident.

Pumice-stone life-boats, which have been satisfactorily tried in England, support a considerable load when full of water.

Baldness is found to affect about twelve per cent of the male population, according to an English physician. The same observer has made the singular discovery that, while musical composers belong to the general average, pianists and violinists have fine heads of hair until late in life, but performers on brass instruments—especially the trombone—become bald very early.

The snout of the walrus is provided with stiff whiskers three or four inches long. Natives of Alaska collect the hairs, dry them, and export them in neat packages to China, where the wealthy prize them highly as tooth-picks.

It is now proven that the cowbird does the farmer little harm and much good. From the stomachs of 306 specimens, collected in twenty states during ten months of the year, F. E. L. Beal has found that twenty eight per cent of the food of this bird consists of animal matter, almost exclusively harmful insects and spiders, and seventy-two per cent of vegetable, of which one-fifth is corn and oats, more than half the seeds of weeds, and the balance various substances.

A rapid speaker utters 150 to 200 words a minute, which a few stenographers are able to take down. For single minutes the typewriter has been operated at about 175 words. Compare these results with the speed of Delaney's machine telegraphy, by which 500 words per minute have been transmitted and legibly recorded on the receiving tape.

Useless sleighs, driven by electricity, are a St. Petersburg novelty.







NOTES FROM ALL POINTS.

**NORTHWESTERN CAMP.**—Rev. J. C. F. Grumbine informs his friends in the Northwest that he will not be at the camp this season.

**PITTSBURG, Pa.**—How happy the beautiful messages from Daisy, the little control of Mrs. Emma Uta Foster, wife of Benjamin Foster, the physical medium, has made the many hungry souls here. She came like a ray of sunshine, bright and beautiful to bring cheer to the disheartened and hope to the weary. How sorry we are to part from her, our darling girl, who, when but a little child, kept our halls full to the doors with people, attracted and entertained by the wonderful tests given by her. It makes one feel they are growing old to see this child mother with baby Frank among us once more. Yet we are ever young in spiritual truth and knowledge. —Mrs. Lizzie Raymond.

**LINCOLN, Kan.**—Prof. A. W. Cormett, of Topeka, four weeks ago completed a course of fourteen lectures in this place on Hypnotism, Spiritualism, Mediumship and Theosophy. While here he instructed a private class in psychic studies or soul culture. This class consisted of nine ladies and six gentlemen, and the ages ran from seventeen to sixty three years. A strong and capable mediumship was developed in four of these pupils, while most of the remainder are now fairly efficient psychometric readers. Of the mediums three are ladies and one a gentleman, and two of the ladies never suspected they had any gift of mediumship. The other two mediums had had psychic experiences, which led them to suspect that mediumship would come. All are as omatic writers—three of them high grade; one draws and two are both clairvoyant and clairaudient. All these people have great futures before them as mediums if their gift is rationally unfolded. —A. H. Walt.

**BAY CITY, MICH.**—The following resolutions explain themselves:

Resolved, That we, as the members of the Ladies' Aid of the First Spiritualist Society of Bay City, do herein extend heartfelt and sisterly sympathy to our sister, Mrs. Maria Simmons, and family, in the loss of the kindest of a husband and father, who has passed to a higher life on March 25th. And further extend our condolences of knowing he is not dead, but only gone to a beautiful home which he has prepared for himself by good deeds done here. And pray that the sad hearts may be made happy by the knowledge of the sweet presence of the loved one hovering around, giving kind words to the loved ones left here to mourn his loss. Mr. Leonard S. Simon was sixty two years old; was a faithful believer in Spiritualism; was engaged for many years in the boat and furniture business, and was always known as a good, kind, and noble man, always doing good; lived and passed on to his beautiful home. His memory will always live in the hearts of those who knew him. To know him was to love him; for he was truly spiritualized.—Committee.

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The Board of Directors of the Look-out Campmeeting Association held a meeting April 29th, in which it was decided to hold the annual camp-meeting for one week, commencing Sunday, July 13th, to Sunday, July 19th, inclusive. Mrs. Helen Stuart Riehings will be one of the speakers. It is the intention to have, if possible, the presence of Bro. Barrett, president N. S. A. Also several of the best platform test mediums available. P. R. ALBERT.

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Mrs. A. E. Sheets' permanent address is Box 833, Grand Lodge, Mich., where parties wishing her services as speaker, or to attend funerals or weddings, can apply.

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A. E. Thadde has open dates from July 23d to July 31st. He has also open dates from August 17th to September 30th. Camp associations wishing his services may address him at 547 Bank street, New London, Conn.

Rev. Geo. V. Cordingley, the inspirational poet, lecturer, and test medium, can be engaged by Churches or societies for the balance of 1896-7. For terms address him at his permanent home, 3210 Ridge avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Lyman C. Howe is engaged to lecture in Boston, Mass., for May, and will answer calls for week-evenings at acceptable points. He is yet free for June and July, and the last ten days of August. Permanent address, Fredonia, N. Y.

Carrie Fuller Weatherford serves the Des Moines Spiritualist Society for May. Can be engaged to give lectures and tests during the week insurrounding localities, or to officiate at funerals. Wishes to hear from societies for fall dates. Address General Delivery, Des Moines, Iowa.

Rev. S. W. Edmunds, inspirational speaker and psychometrist, will answer calls to lecture, conduct funerals, and perform marriages in the South and Southwest during the summer, autumn, and winter of '96. Terms reasonable. Address 3433 Frost street, corner Second, New Orleans, La.

Dr. Theodore F. Price, having completed his tour through New England, is located for a few weeks at No. 15 Dought street, Boston, Mass., and during May and June will answer calls for his services as lecturer and test medium throughout the East, and is open for campmeeting engagements through July.

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Dr. J. H. Randall, who has for many years been almost constantly employed by Spiritualist societies, well known as an inspirational speaker, writer, teacher, and healer of ability and power, and until recently a resident for several years in Chicago, where he was often employed, is now residing in Clyde, O., and will answer calls to lecture and attend funerals wherever desired.

Prof. P. O. Hudson, the Balladist and Violinist, and composer of our 57th Spiritual songs, can be engaged this coming season by societies and camp meetings, and for funeral occasions. Prof. Hudson is a good vocal director as well as an orchestral leader. He has songs for all occasions. Societies wishing his services, write for terms and address, P. O. Hudson, Bay City, Mich.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson leaves California May 11th, stopping en route at Garnett, Kan., Chicago, Ill., Toledo, Ohio, and Elkhart, Ind., reaching the latter place May 15th, where she expects to lecture for the Spiritual Union. She has no other engagement after that till June 6th and 7th at N. Collins, N. Y., and Cambridge, N. Y., June 13th and 14th. Will also visit Cleveland, Ohio, and Westville, Pa., and is open for a few single lecture engagements during June and July within easy distance of above cities.

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To the Editor of LIGHT OF TRUTH.

I see it reported that the Psychic Research Society, of Allegheny City, Pa., celebrated the Forty-Eighth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on the 29th of March last. Dr. H. T. Stanley addressed the meeting.

It appears there are two societies in Allegheny and one in Pittsburg, all in a flourishing condition. The speaker gave the number of avowed Spiritualists at the present time in the world at 10,000,000, according to the most reliable statistics available, and claims that no other sect in philosophy or religion has increased so rapidly in the past 4800 years.

This number is limited to those who are avowed Spiritualists and does not include the hundreds of thousands who are only investigating and have not made up their minds on the subject. And it is surprising the vast numbers who are investigating, chiefly of the educated and professional classes. Private circles for the purpose are found in almost every neighborhood; often where they are least expected.

Professional men and educators shun the notoriety and distrust which publicity of the study of anything regarded as occult creates in the mind of the common, vulgar. Hence resort is had to private circles.

There is one fact connected with psychic research more peculiar to it than to any other philosophic or religious subject; that is, that no one who examines far enough to be able to rightly understand it fails to discover that such phenomena does really exist or will treat it slightly afterwards. The revelation of the Roentgen rays are wonderful, but the revelations afforded by Spiritualism totally eclipse them. It is only men like Dr. Talmage, who admit they never investigated it and don't know or want to know anything about it, who can afford to assert positively there is nothing in psychic force or Spiritualism, as it is commonly called. In regard to it particularly Pope's lines are of special application:

"A little learning is a dangerous thing,  
Drink deep, or taste not that Pierian spring."

Attending public seances or lectures occasionally can never render full satisfaction to the mind of a critical investigator. The investigation must go far enough to dispell all possibility of fraud or deception, and must be under conditions affording every opportunity for close personal observation and inquiry. Not that much fraud is attempted, but in order that all doubt or uncertainty may be dispelled from the investigator's mind. Dr. Stanley, perhaps, went too far in saying of Spiritualism that it is the only sect that possesses any definite knowledge of a future life. He could more accurately have said, it is the only sect which professes to afford direct personal knowledge of a future life, and the manner and conditions of that life.

Orthodox Christianity rests on the same foundation as Spiritualism; that is, a future life to all eternity, and like Spiritualism depends on miracles for proof. The only difference being that the miracles of orthodox Christianity depend on hearsay evidence, whilst Spiritualism presents the miracles of the actual bodily senses of the living. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are full of Spiritualism.

Dr. Stanley, as is customary, speaks of it as Modern Spiritualism and 1848 as the period of its advent, but in this he is mistaken. It had appeared elsewhere, wherever the proper conditions were afforded, before that date. It is known, traditionally, to have been manifested time out of mind in various ways, such as raps on furniture or oth-

er warnings at or before death. The ancient adage, "coming events cast their shadows before," is founded on the frequency of such phenomena, and I have been informed by reliable witnesses, with whom I am well acquainted, that the phenomena of raps and automatic writing, particularly the latter, was known and practiced in Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., between 1825 and 1835.

My information was obtained from friends of the family in which the phenomena occurred. It was in the family of Hon. John Young, of Greensburg, and the judge and his estimable wife were themselves the mediums. Perhaps some of his children are alive yet, if not, many of his grandchildren reside in and about Greensburg, and the circumstances are known to many old residents of that town.

Judge Young was for upwards of twenty years or more the law judge of Westmoreland County and one of the ablest and most scholarly judges that county has ever had, and his descendants are among the best families of Greensburg to-day. His wife was a highly educated Scotch lady, and the strongest attachment existed between them by reason of their congeniality of literary taste and sentiments.

In 1827 it became noted about in the town that Mr. and Mrs. Young had become much interested in the doctrines of Emanuel Swedenborg, even to the extent of believing in the possibility of spirit communion with friends on earth. The belief in Swedenborg was not considered so very extraordinary, however, as Swedenborgianism was popular and prevalent then among the educated classes everywhere, and among the Spiritualists of to-day Swedenborg is still regarded in the same light as the orthodox regard John the Baptist.

Many old citizens of Pittsburg will remember when in the 30's a handsome little white frame church stood on the southeast corner of Smith field street and Strawberry alley, known as the Swedenborgian Church, frequented by many of the leading lawyers and medical doctors and literary men of the city. But after Spiritualism was inaugurated, it seemed to absorb Swedenborgianism and the preachers and medical doctors began to oppose Spiritualism, the preachers on the ground that it denied the equality of the Son with the Father and Holy Spirit, holding that the Son was only a great and good man, imbued with the spirit of God, is other great and good men are, and that happiness in a future life depended on a life well spent on earth of purity and good deeds, and disbelieved that Peter or his descendants or any of the modern clergy were given the keys of heaven to admit or exclude whom they pleased.

And many of the medical doctors are unfriendly, it is said, because they can keep none of their cures secret from the public; that every deceased phylclan, having lost interest in worldly affairs, is ready and willing to go on pre-scribing for diseases as accurately as when in earth life, and free methods of treatment to any without charge.

It was even claimed that old Dr. Marchand, of Westmoreland County, Pa., had, as a spirit, published his celebrated hydrophobia cure. However this may be, Spiritualism superceded Swedenborgianism nearly everywhere between 1830 and 1840.

But to return to the story of Mr. and Mrs. Judge Young. They made an arrangement between them that whichever died first would communicate with the other. Mrs. Young died several years before her husband and, as was related at the time, the judge in a few days after her death suddenly experienced a strange thrill and movement of his right hand and arm, impelling him to take up his pen and write, and whilst he did so, and not knowing what he was writing, he found that the motion had produced a beautiful message of love from his wife in her spirit home, describing her happiness and the kind reception she had received from their loved ones who had preceded her. From that time on till his death the same method of communication was kept up between them. The judge writing questions and placing them under his pillow at night which would be answered by the unconscious automatic writing through his own hand the next morning as soon as he was out of bed and dressed, together with reference to matters and incidents of their past life which fully convinced him that the

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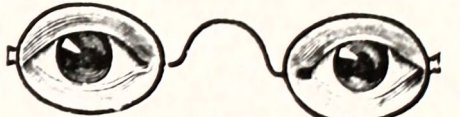
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The purpose of relating these incidents is to show that Spiritualism is neither new nor modern. Its revival in 1848 occurred in the fulness of time under the natural law of evolution, in the very nick of time, too, when it was most needed. Its revival was needed to re-establish a belief in a future life just when arrogant science almost universally denied it and planted Materialism in its place on an impregnable basis as was generally claimed.

But since the advent of Spiritualism scientists have begun to hedge, and are getting back as speedily as possible to the old standpoint of a perishable body and an imperishable soul. Spencer in the lead, and his disciple, Fitch, and others opened up a way for retreat by pointing out the possibility of continued, personal existence or life of the spirit after death, and since then a stampede has taken place from the camps of Berkely and Hume and Mill and Comte.

The pendulum of scientific belief is now likely to swing even further toward Spiritualism in 1898 than it had toward Materialism in 1848. It is rapidly coming to the fore that the spiritualistic doctrine of continued, personal existence beyond the grave, and spirit communication with friends on the earth plane become orthodox science, founded on the same realistic basis as the Roentgen rays and other facts of nature.

Even already the swing of the scientific pendulum is going so far as to assure us that matter is not a real entity, but only phenomenal, and that the reality is spirit, and that the totality of spirit is God, in other words, that "God is the spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable," and according to the Scripture is "All and In All." The periodicals are full of it. See "Failure of Scientific Materialism" in the "Popular Science Monthly" of March last.

But my purpose in this regard is merely to indicate to Spiritualists themselves the significance of the fact that as Spiritualism revived in the early part of the present century Materialism declined, and that indications of its revival in Westmoreland County, Pa., antedated those at Hydeville, N. Y., at least twenty years.

The writer possesses no mediumistic qualities in his own composition, and has no interest in promoting Spiritualism, but in satisfying his natural curiosity he has investigated every known phase of spiritual phenomena, and has no hesitation in acknowledging their truth and reality. No fair-minded man, who has gone far enough and experimented under conditions well enough protected against imposition or mistake can decide otherwise.

Whether the material forms and intelligent agents, who appear and converse personally or communicate by writing or other methods, are the identical persons or individuals they claim to be is a question which everyone can only decide for him or herself.

No one need believe in Spiritualism on authority of others, because every one who will take the trouble to investigate can have the evidences of his own senses and judgment on the question.

The matters stated in the foregoing were, in part, personally known to me, and those derived from other sources confirmed by reliable parties. Yet while I have witnessed much of the generally-known spiritual phenomena, I can not claim to be a Spiritualist, but merely an investigator.

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## PERSONALS AND LOCALS.

—T. A. B.: Yours accepted with thanks.

—C. L. R.: Copy received. Will see the light soon.

—Mrs. C. D. Greenmayer, of this city, is now filling engagements at Toledo with the First Spiritual Society for two Sundays in May.

—Mrs. Mary L. Woods, of 24 West Fifteenth street, will begin her developing class Thursday, May 7th. All her friends are cordially invited to be present at 2:30 p. m.—C. R.

—J. H. B.: No doubt some of the spirits from those opposing you have taken control, believing it their duty to lead you away from your belief. The only method of conquering them is to convert them. Kindness wins in spiritual things always. Use that on them, and they will succumb or flee.

—A. O. H.: Your article was selected for next issue just before you wrote concerning it. But we frequently hear from our contributors on such occasions. Handling their matter for use seems to revive the desire in them to see it in print. These are most likely cases of mental telegraphy, and prove that "thoughts are things."

—L. F. M.: Ammonia could have no effect on the spirit after it has left the body; nor on the body after death. It might revive a person who is only in a trance; but one of your age is not in danger of seeming death, for the balance of power is centered in the spirit, which consequently detaches itself completely at the first surrender of the material individuality.

—The Psychic Oriental Protective Order of Research has a neatly printed constitution, which it extends to its members. It contains in sequence: The declaration of principles, which is the study of man and its reaping; the constitution proper, which also is high-toned; and the rules, or by-laws, which are very rigid in intent—a trinity which cannot but lead to good results, if followed out in effect as generated in the cause.

—J. A. H.: Yours is a difficult condition to penetrate, and the soul, therefore, has the same difficulty in peering out. Even release from the body would not aid you. It is the spirit body which covers the soul, and makes spiritual things difficult of comprehension to you. But the first step has been attained—that of knowing what you want, instead of living on in discontent and ending in sensualism to drown the former. Patient study of Spiritualism in its various branches will increase soul-growth, and in time it will peer through its encasement and partake of the delight of this condition. Temperance in all things material will aid this growth, as it requires soul-effort to overcome, and this is to the soul what manual labor is to the body.

—Meeting was held as usual by the People's Religious Spiritual Society at their hall, 14th street and Central avenue, with a good audience. Mrs. Mary Garrett was on the platform assisted by Pansy and Silver Leaf, all of whom did good work both in the light and in the dark. The trumpet seance was grand; many beautiful tests and messages were received. Especial mention should be made of the work of Dolly, Mr. Garrett, and Jack McGuire, controls of the medium. The ice cream social, held at the home of Mrs. Garrett, the past few weeks have proved successful, socially as well as financially. Two seances are held during the evening. Come and enjoy yourself with us. You will be benefited.—B. Bechtold.

—The Society of Universal Spiritual Culture held its regular meeting last Sunday at Douglass Hall, 6th and Walnut, Mrs. Eva Pfuntner on the rostrum. Perfect harmony prevailed, and the audience while not large was attentive and appreciative. The lectures discussed were from written questions, at the end of which she was loudly applauded. Mrs. Pfuntner also gave psychometric readings which were well received. Miss Costello had charge of the music, and rendered a selection with excellent effect. Mrs. Pfuntner has moved from Newport to East Walnut Hills, No. 2716 Park avenue. The ladies' class of this society will meet at Douglass Hall at 2:30 Thursday afternoon, 7th inst. Ladies and gentlemen invited, mediuma especially so. There will be a business meeting at Mrs. Holland's Wednesday, 6th inst., 8 p. m.—Sec'y.

—At the First Christian Soc'y last Sunday afternoon Mr. Galvin delivered a soul-moving address on "The builders needed in our ranks and the kind of foundations to be laid in Spiritualism." He said: As builders we need the brainest men and women of the age. He deplored the fact of the Spiritualists in this city allowing such a woman as Mrs. Little to leave us through the want of proper support, and hoped the day was not far off when the ignorant and so-called wonder working mediums would be put in the background. Many had wet eyes before he finished. At night his subject was also on a popular subject which received due recognition. The people were so well pleased they did not want any tests. Mr. Galvin will lecture and give readings at Newport next Wednesday evening. He can be found for readings and sittings at 43 West Fifth street, (new number), flat 6.—G. B. Harrison.

—Very interesting services were held by Rev. Margurite St. Omer, who has so far recovered from her affliction that she could occupy the rostrum of the Spiritual Unity Society in Douglass Hall Sunday evening. By special request she lectured on "The Ever Living Presence," which was manifest during her discourse by the many changes in her features. Many in her audience were moved to tears by her pathetic eloquence, and being conscious of and feeling a presence of the great over-soul, we hear and feel the vibrations of the great medium, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end." Psychometric readings and tests, all of which were recognized as correct, were given while she was blindfolded. Services next Sunday evening in Douglass Hall, Sixth and Walnut streets. Circle Wednesday evening and private sittings at pastor's residence, 738 Richmond street.

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Rev. J. C. F. Grumbine closed his engagement with the Howard Hall Society April 26th. His work here this, as the past season, has been very successful. He comes again this September and October. An effort is being made to secure his ministrations for the year 1887, as his time for '96 and '97 is all engaged. He will be in the East beginning with November until June, when he is expected to sail for Europe. His classes in psychometry and clairvoyance were successful. His summer school for psychometry and clairvoyance, also inspiration, opens, May 15th. All desirous of entering this class should address him Geneseo, Ill.

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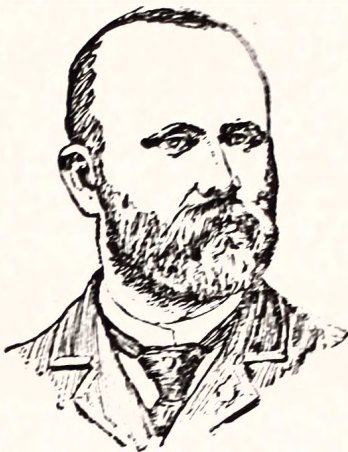
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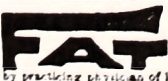
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